

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

BOARD OF NURSING

Rule No.: N 4

Relating to: Licensure of Nurse Midwives

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to complete a comprehensive review of ch. N 4 Licensure of Nurse-Midwives and make revisions to ensure the chapters are statutorily compliant and are current with professional standards and practices

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The Board of Nursing is beginning a comprehensive review of the chapter. The Board of Nursing will make revisions to the chapter to create clarity, remove obsolete provisions, ensure statutory compliance and update to current professional standards and practices. This chapter has not been reviewed and updated in 15 years.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

s. 15.08 (5) (b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

s. 441.15 (3) (c) The board shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section, including the establishment of appropriate limitations on the scope of the practice of nurse-midwifery, the facilities in which such practice may occur and the granting of temporary permits to practice nurse-midwifery pending qualification for certification.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

150 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Nurse midwives and nurse midwife applicants

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None to minimal. The rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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Board Chair

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