

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: Nat Med 1, 2, and 6

Relating to: Scope of practice

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 rules is to clarify the scope of practice standards of naturopathic doctors and limited-scope naturopathic doctors.

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 Naturopathic Medicine Examining Board will review chapters Nat Med 1, 2, and 6, to provide clarity regarding the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors and limited-scope naturopathic doctors. The current rules concerning scope of practice are unclear about the boundaries of these practitioners' activities in their practice, such as the limitations of intravenous vitamin treatments.

If the rules are not updated, this will create confusion among stakeholders regarding what practices are within or outside their scope of practice.

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

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., states that each examining board "[s]hall 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."

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., states that "[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute..."

Section 466.03 (1) (a), Stats., states that the Naturopathic Medicine Examining Board shall promulgate rules to establish "[s]tandards of practice for and a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of naturopathic doctors and limited-scope naturopathic doctors."

Section 466.03 (2) (a) states that the board may promulgate rules to "[f]urther interpret s. 466.01 (6) (a) and (c), including to identify diagnostic, therapeutic, or other practices or procedures that may be used by naturopathic doctors. The board may not authorize a naturopathic doctor to engage in any practice excluded from the definition of naturopathic medicine under s. 466.01 (6) (c) or otherwise expand the scope of practice of a naturopathic doctor or limited-scope naturopathic doctor beyond what is specified under s. 466.01 (6) (a)."

Section 466.03 (2) (am) states that the board may promulgate rules to "[e]xpressly prohibit diagnostic, therapeutic, or other practices."

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

80 hours

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

Naturopathic doctors and limited-scope naturopathic doctors credential holders.

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):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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