

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Radiography Examining Board

Rule No.: Chapter RAD 4

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 rule is to review the scope of practice for radiographers and limited x-ray machine operators, and to consider clarifying when a radiographer license is required in various medical roles and in the use of various medical technologies.

**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:**

Current rules concerning scope of practice for radiographers and limited x-ray machine operators are in Wis. Admin. Code ch. RAD 4. A previous rule updated the radiography code to clarify regulations on the use of various medical imaging technologies that are commonly used in the field. The previous rule clarified the scope of practice for radiographers and limited x-ray machine operators in the use of various medical technologies, and clarified when a radiographer license or limited x-ray machine operator permit is required. The board would like to continue discussing the same topics and consider making further rule updates on the same topics in ch. RAD 4.

If the rules are not updated, these requirements could be unclear to patients, regulators, and those in the profession.

**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 an 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, but a rule is not valid if the rule exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation.”

Section 462.06 (2), Stats.: “The board may promulgate rules that establish a code of ethics for persons who hold a license or limited X-ray machine operator permit under s. 462.03.”

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

70 hours

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

Radiographer licensees and limited x-ray machine operator permit 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 will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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