

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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PUBLIC HEARING

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

AT ABOUT 9:00 A.M.

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611 W. OTTAWA STREET, UL-5

LANSING, MICHIGAN

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RE: Medicine - General Rules (MOAHR #2024-64 LR)

Sanitarians - General Rules (MOAHR #2024-60 LR)

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HEARING FACILITATOR:

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Lansing, Michigan

Friday, May 16, 2025

At 9:00 a.m.

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(Public hearing commenced pursuant to due notice.)

MR. MacINTOSH: Good morning. My name is Weston MacIntosh, and I'm a Departmental Specialist for the Bureau of Professional Licensing in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and I will be conducting the hearing today.

This is a public hearing on the proposed administrative rules entitled "Medicine - General Rules" and "Sanitarians Registration - General Rules". We are conducting this hearing under the authority of the Administrative Procedures Act, Public Act 306 of 1969, on behalf of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing.

We are calling this hearing to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on May 16, 2025, in UL-5, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan. Publication of the notice of public hearing was in three newspapers of general circulation, including the Flint Journal on April 29, 2025, the Grand Rapids Press on April 29, 2025, the Escanaba Daily Press on April 28, 2025, as well as the *Michigan Register*, Issue No. 8, published on May 15,

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1 2025.

2 We are here today to receive your
3 comments on the proposed rules. If you wish to speak,
4 please make sure you have signed in and said that you
5 wish to speak. You may use the cards supplied for this
6 purpose. I'll organize the cards by rule set so that the
7 comments for that profession are in a group together in
8 the transcript. If you'd like to testify and have not
9 signed in, please do so now. For those of you who do not
10 wish to sign with a card, you make speak once we have
11 exhausted the stack of cards you that give to me.

12 If you have comments, please make sure
13 they relate directly to the proposed rules. If you have
14 questions about the rules, please include your questions
15 as part of your testimony for the Department's review.
16 If you have suggested changes to the proposed rules,
17 please include the specific reasons why the changes would
18 be in the public interest.

19 For the record, when you testify, please
20 give us your name by spelling your name and the
21 organization, if any, that you may be speaking for today.
22 This will help the Department prepare the hearing record
23 that will go before the Boards. You can give written
24 statements directly to me at the table. The Department
25 will also accept written statements emailed or postmarked

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1 until 5:00 o'clock p.m. today.

2 The Department staff from the Bureau of
3 Professional Licensing also includes Kerry Przybylo.

4 So the first set that we will take
5 comments for is the "Medicine - General Rules". Karlene
6 Ketola. Is it Dr. Ketola?

7 KARLENE KETOLA: No.

8 MR. MacINTOSH: Karlene, go ahead.

9 KARLENE KETOLA: All right. Well, good
10 morning. On behalf of the Michigan Academy of Family
11 Physicians, I'm here today to request the Michigan Board
12 of Medicine take action to address a critical gap in the
13 recognition of AAFP-accredited MAFP Continuing Medical
14 Education programs. My name is Karlene Ketola,
15 K-a-r-l-e-n-e K-e-t-o-l-a, Chief Executive Officer of the
16 Michigan Academy of Family Physicians who represents more
17 than 4,200 family physicians and medical students across
18 the state. Specifically today, we urge the Michigan
19 Board of Medicine to amend Administrative Rule 338.2443
20 (Section: Acceptable continuing education; requirements;
21 and limitations) to explicitly include the American
22 Academy of Family Physicians as a recognized CME
23 accreditor. This would ensure that Michigan's family
24 physicians can continue to meet their licensure
25 requirements with high-quality, evidence-based education.

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1 This request also matches CE Broker's request to a change
2 as well.

3 I do want to share the real impact this
4 issue has caused for Michigan physicians, including the
5 following story from one of our Academy's members from
6 his perspective:

7 I am writing this as a physician licensed
8 in both Michigan and Florida. I've renewed my Florida
9 license in January 2025, and my Michigan license is
10 scheduled for renewal this summer. My CME, continuing
11 medical education hours, is logged through AAFP and then
12 sent to CE Broker which accumulated it for my Florida
13 medical license renewal. As I am dually licensed, my CE
14 Broker account lists CME accumulated for Florida and
15 Michigan. I have reported more than 150 of the necessary
16 hours of CME in the current renewal cycle for Michigan,
17 but my CE Broker account shows only about two hours of
18 CME applicable to Michigan even though all reported hours
19 are indicated in my Florida CE Broker account.

20 So I have all of these hours of CME
21 reported and verified by CE Broker sitting in my Florida
22 account, but they cannot list the same hours of CME in my
23 Michigan account because they serve only as a collection
24 agency for each state independently and not as a unified
25 repository of data, and that's related to CE Broker. In

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1 other words, they cannot use the CME reported to CE
2 Broker by AAFP because Michigan does not recognize AAFP
3 as a legitimate provider of CME even though the AMA and
4 other states do.

5 Thus, I've reported CME (through the
6 services of AAFP) which was valid for Florida but won't
7 count for Michigan until Michigan accepts AAFP and MAFP.
8 Thus, I am faced with reported CME not being reportable
9 to the State of Michigan by CE Broker even though it has
10 been reported to CE Broker and even though Michigan wants
11 CE Broker to be reporting -- to be its reporting agent
12 for all Michigan medical licenses. I request, therefore,
13 that AAFP and MAFP expedite this matter and the State --
14 and resolve it so that I, and many other Michigan
15 physicians, can use already reported CME and earned CME
16 for their licensing renewals this spring and summer.

17 Thank you in advance for your pivotal
18 support with this request for changing an amendment. If
19 you have any questions, please contact me at
20 517.230.4381, or my email is kketola@mafp.com. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. MacINTOSH: Thank you, Karlene.

23 Is there anyone else who wishes to speak
24 on the "Medicine - General Rules"? (No response.)

25 Hearing none. The second rule set that
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1 we'll take comments for is the "Sanitarians - General
2 Rules". Is there anyone who wishes to speak on the
3 "Sanitarians General Rules"?

4 Hearing none.

5 If there are no other people who wish to
6 speak at this time, we'll take a short recess.

7 (Recess from 9:07 a.m. until 9:27 a.m.)

8 MR. MacINTOSH: Okay. So we're back on
9 the record. Just one last time to check, is there anyone
10 who wishes to speak on the "Medicine - General Rules"?

11 (No response.)

12 Hearing none. Is there anyone who wishes
13 to speak on the "Sanitarians Registration - General
14 Rules"?

15 Hearing none.

16 If there are no further comments at this
17 time, I hereby declare the hearing closed. The record
18 will remain open until today at 5:00 o'clock p.m. for any
19 other comments you may wish to share about the proposed
20 rules. Thank you for coming.

21 (At 9:28 a.m., the public hearing concluded.)

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1 STATE OF MICHIGAN)
2)
3 COUNTY OF MACOMB)

4 I, Lori Anne Penn, certify that this
5 transcript consisting of 9 pages is a complete, true, and
6 correct record of the proceedings held in the captioned
7 matters on Friday, May 16, 2025.

8 I further certify that I am not
9 responsible for any copies of this transcript not made
10 under my direction or control and bearing my original
11 signature.

12 I also certify that I am not a relative
13 or employee of or an attorney for a party; or a relative
14 or employee of an attorney for a party; or financially
15 interested in the action.

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17 May16, 2025
18 Date

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Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan
My Commission Expires June 15, 2031