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**AGENCY REPORT TO THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (JCAR)**

1. Agency Information

Agency name:

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Division/Bureau/Office:

Bureau of Professional Licensing

Name of person completing this form:

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Elizabeth Arasim

2. Rule Set Information

MOAHR assigned rule set number:

2023-57 LR

Title of proposed rule set:

Public Health Code – General Rules

3. Purpose for the proposed rules and background:

The Public Health Code General Rules are applicable to all professionals regulated under Article 15 of the Public Health Code.

The rule set establishes specific dates that a license or registration renewal period begins or ends for licensees and registrations regulated by the Public Health Code.

The renewal period for Marriage and Family Therapy, Midwifery, Physician's Assistants, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Care, and Sanitarians will be changed from a 2-year renewal period to a 3-year renewal period. The minimum English language standard rule will be reviewed to determine if additional tests should be added to the approved list. All rules will be reviewed and, if needed, revised to ensure they are up-to-date and for clarity.

4. Summary of proposed rules:

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The proposed rules amend the license cycle for licensed midwifery, marriage and family therapy, physical therapy, physician's assistants, respiratory care, and sanitarian from biennial to triennial renewal, clarify that the rule requiring an applicant for licensure or registration to demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language also applies to an applicant whose license or registration has been lapsed for more than 3 years, approve additional tests for demonstrating that the applicant has a working knowledge of the English language, and clarify the standards established for implicit bias training.

5. List names of newspapers in which the notice of public hearing was published and publication dates:

Flint Journal, January 11, 2024
Grand Rapids Press, January 11, 2024
Mining Journal, January 17, 2024

6. Date of publication of rules and notice of public hearing in Michigan Register:

2/15/2024

7. Date, time, and location of public hearing:

2/15/2024 09:00 AM at UL-3 , 611 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan

8. Provide the link the agency used to post the regulatory impact statement and cost-benefit analysis on its website:

<https://ARS.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=1484>

9. List of the name and title of agency representative(s) who attended the public hearing:

Dena Marks, Departmental Specialist, Bureau of Professional Licensing

10. Persons submitting comments of support:

Patricia Barton, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
Brian Gilbert and Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, APTA Michigan
Thadd Gormas, Michigan Academy of Physician Associates
Renee Kaiser, MyMichigan Medical Center
Araya Montero, Michigan Midwives Association
Jori Poulos-Poland, MyMichigan Medical Center – Alpena

11. Persons submitting comments of opposition:

None.

12. Persons submitting other comments:

None.

13. Identify any changes made to the proposed rules based on comments received during the public comment period:

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	Name & Organization	Comments made at public hearing	Written Comments	Agency Rationale for Rule Change and Description of Change(s) Made	Rule number & citation changed
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14.Date report completed:

3/1/2024