

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO, pursuant to CHAPTER 119, OHIO REVISED CODE, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing to receive oral and written testimony on the proposed amendment of rules on:

**February 25, 2009 at 1:30 pm
Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower,
30 E. Broad St., First Floor, Columbus, OH.**

The following rules are proposed for amendment:

4731-6-14 Eligibility for licensure by examination

The proposed amendment requires that an applicant for licensure as an M.D. or D.O. have completed all three steps or levels of the specified exam sequence within ten years, with no more than three failures on any step or level. It also specifies acceptable remedies for applicants who do not meet the requirements.

4731-16-05 Examinations (related to Impaired Practitioners)

The proposed amendment deletes the requirement in Paragraph (A)(1) that all licensees and applicants ordered to an impairment assessment must undergo drug toxicology screening prior to attending the examination. The proposed amendment of Paragraph (D)(1) clarifies that the results of any pre-assessment drug toxicology screening ordered will be considered part of the examination.

Rule 4731-11-03(A)(1), Ohio administrative Code

Proposed amendments to Rule 4731-11-03, O.A.C., were the subject of a public hearing on September 29, 2008. The amendments proposed did not include amendment to Paragraph (A)(1) of the rule. However, at the public hearing testimony suggested that Paragraph (A)(1) should be amended to reflect medical advances. The proposed amendment to the Paragraph (A)(1) of the rule is consistent with that testimony.

The full text of the proposed rules are available from the State Medical Board of Ohio, 30 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6127, on the Medical Board's website, <http://www.med.ohio.gov/rules/proprules.htm>, and from the Register of Ohio website, <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of their testimony. All written comments received by the Board before the close of the hearing record will be considered. **Written comments in lieu of oral testimony will be accepted at the public hearing, via e-mail to Sallie.Debolt@med.state.oh.us, or in writing to the attention of:**

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