

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

1. **Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 19, State Board of Nursing
Article and its heading: 5, Extended and Advanced Nursing Practice
Section number: R4-19-503
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**
The Section is being amended to permit registered nurses who have received their nurse practitioner training at programs which are neither approved by the Board nor nationally accredited, for example a foreign nursing program, to become certified nurse practitioners. The amendment will permit such nurses to submit evidence to the Board for the purpose of determining whether the programs attended were substantially equivalent to the standards which must be met for a program to otherwise be approved by the Board.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Not applicable.
4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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Nurse Practitioner Consultant

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5. **The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Written comments may be submitted to Audrey Rath, R.N., at the above-referenced address until the close of record which has not yet been determined but which will be specified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which will be filed in the near future.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
While it is anticipated that this rulemaking will be pursued expeditiously, the exact timetable has not yet been determined.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

BOARD OF PHARMACY

1. **Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 23, Board of Pharmacy
Article and its heading: 4, Professional Practices
Section number: R-23-410
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**
The rule defines "Current Good Compounding Practices" which are the minimum standard for methods to be used in, and facilities or controls to be used for, compounding a drug to ensure that the drug has the identity and strength and meets the quality and purity characteristics it purports or is represented to possess.

The agency docket number, if applicable:
R9602
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published.

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4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Board will accept written comments Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
The Board will accept oral comments Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the address listed above.
Written and oral comments will be accepted until the close of record on a date and time as yet undetermined.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. **Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 14, Department of Health Services - Laboratories
Article and its heading: 6, Licensing of Environmental Laboratories
Section number: R9-14-601 et seq.
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**
Sections are being amended to add clarifications, to make corrections, and to update methodologies.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published.
4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Written comments will be accepted regarding the rules until the close of record.
Oral comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the location listed above.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
A notice was issued to all in-state members of the regulated community. The Office of Laboratory Licensure and Certification has responded to all comments that were received. It is anticipated that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be filed by mid-July with 3 public hearings and the close of record in October 1996. Thereafter the final rules will be adopted and submitted to GRRC for its consideration at the December 1996 meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. **Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 25, Department of Health Services - Emergency Medical Services
Articles and their headings: 3, Basic Life Support Training Program Certification
4, Advanced Life Support Training Program Certification
5, Basic Life Support Certification
6, Advanced Life Support Certification
10, Testing Emergency Medical Technicians (Proposed)
Section number: R9-25-309, R9-25-409, R9-25-501, R9-25-601, and R9-25-1001 through R9-25-1009.

2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**

Complete Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic training and prompt testing for certification are critical to the maintenance of Arizona's EMS system. The need for currently certified personnel, particularly advanced level personnel, is especially critical in rural areas where resources are limited. As a result of the Office of EMS's (OEMS) reduced financial and personnel resources, ADHS and the EMS community worked together to develop statutory resources, ADHS and the EMS community worked together to develop statutory language that would permit ADHS to "outscore" testing for EMS certification in a fashion that would not compromise the integrity, security, and validity of the testing process. Accomplishment of that effort required significant cooperation with the state's 37 basic EMT training programs, the 11 advanced level training programs, the 46 ALS base hospitals, and the National Registry of EMTs, located in Columbus, Ohio.

Adoption of the rules will permit entities to provide training and testing in additional locations throughout the state that will be closer to the applicant's location or the location of their EMS employer. The rules establish clear criteria for the new components of the testing process.

Article 3 requires Basic Level training programs to disclose the testing fees required for certification. Article 4 requires Advanced level training programs to disclose the testing fees required for certification. Article 5 details the certification fees and manner of submission of those fees to Basic level applicants. Article 6 details the certification fees and manner of submission of those fees to Advanced level applicants. The current Chapter 13, Article 10 is being repealed in a separate rules package as a result of Laws 1993, Chapter 181, which rendered the current Article without force and effect. The new, proposed Chapter 25, Article 10, is the keystone of the process of outsourced testing for the EMTs. The Article includes new definitions; criteria for testing facilities; the application, approval, and removal processes for testing representatives; and forms necessary to complete the application process for testing.

3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

None published.

4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**

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5. **The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

The agency will accept written comments until 5 p.m. on the day of the last scheduled public hearing. The public shall be notified of the time and place of the public hearings upon publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**

Unknown at this time.