

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.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

- Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 16, Board of Medical Examiners
Article and its heading: 1, General Provisions
Section numbers: R4-16-104 and R4-16-105
- Subject matter of the proposed rules:**
A.R.S. §§ 41-1072 through 41-1078 were added during the 1996 regular legislative session and require that all administrative agencies, boards, and commissions which are subject to the Administrative Procedure Act to establish, by rule, timeframes for any licensing activities. An overall time frame for the licensing process must be established. That time frame must then be split into 2 parts, the completeness phase and the substantive review phase. Finally, these rules must be in place no later than December 31, 1998. The proposed rules establish the necessary licensing time frames for the initial licensing of and renewal of license for physicians.
- A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Not applicable.
- Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
Name: Elaine Hugunin, Deputy Director
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- The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Submissions may be made to the Deputy Director at the above-designated address until the close of the record, which is likely to be in the latter part of February. However, the specific date for the close of record will be set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the *Register*.
- A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
It is anticipated that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be filed by the end of December, with publication in late January. If there are no or insufficient requests for public hearing, the record for public comment will be closed, probably some time in late February. Following receipt of any written comments, the package will be finalized, adopted by the Board, and filed with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Thereafter, the GRRC has 90 days to act upon the adopted rules.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Title and its heading:** 6, Economic Security
Chapter and its heading: 3, Department of Economic Security - Income Maintenance
Articles and its heading: 25, Grant Diversion
Section numbers: R6-3-2501 through R6-3-2507
- Subject matter of the proposed rules:**
The Department plans to repeal the rules listed above. These rules were adopted in March 1984 to govern a temporary demonstration project. Authority to operate the project ended after several years. The Department has not operated the project or used the rules since the late 1980's. The rules are unnecessary and should be repealed.
- 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:

Any person may submit written comments from the present until the close of record, which has not yet been scheduled. The agency does not plan to schedule oral proceedings unless 5 or more people request them.

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

The Department expects to file a proposed rulemaking package to repeal the rules no later than February 1997.