

## 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

#### BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

1. **Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations  
**Chapter and its heading:** 6, Board of Behavioral Health Examiners  
**Article and its heading:** 1, Definitions  
5, Counseling  
**Section numbers:** R4-6-101, R4-6-506
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**  
The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners implemented new rules on November 15, 1996. These rules did not provide a time-frame for Certified Associate Counselors who practice independently to come into compliance. The current rules for Certified Associate Counselors provide that they cannot practice independently. The Board proposes to correct this situation by providing a limited opportunity for Certified Associate Counselors to continue practicing independently while coming into compliance with current rules. To clarify that independent practice involves working without direct supervision, the definition of "independent practice" is amended.
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: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to the address listed above  
Oral comments: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to the address, phone, and fax numbers listed above.
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:** 24, Department of Health Services - Medically Underserved Area Medical Services  
**Article and its heading:** 4, Arizona Loan Repayment Program  
**Section numbers:** R9-24-401 through R9-24-412
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**  
Arizona Loan Repayment Program
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: To be published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Oral comments: To be published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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

This proposed rulemaking is expected to be submitted on or before February 28, 1997, and to be finally adopted by June 30, 1997.