

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when 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 DENTAL EXAMINERS

Editor's Note: The following Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening was exempt from Executive Order 2012-03 as issued by Governor Brewer. (See the text of the executive order on page 3383.)

[R14-191]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 11, State Board of Dental Examiners
Articles and their headings: 12, Continuing Dental Education and Renewal Requirements
Section numbers: R4-11-1202 (*As part of this rulemaking, the Board may add, delete, or modify additional Sections as necessary.*)
- 2. Subject matter of the proposed rule**
In response to the recommendations of the Auditor General's Performance Report and Sunset Review, the Board has determined that it is necessary to amend the continuing education affidavit requirements in A.A.C. R4-11-1202 to include the total number of continuing education hours in activities defined in A.A.C. R4-11-1209(A)(4). This action will also allow the Board more options when considering non-compliance with the continuing education renewal requirements.
The rulemaking will also update language emphasizing compliance with continuing dental education requirements.
The rule will include format, style, and grammar necessary to comply with the current rules of the Secretary of State.
The agency docket number, if applicable: R1403
- 3. A Citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None
- 4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Board will accept written comments Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Oral comments may be made at the Board office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: State Board of Dental Examiners
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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

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING
ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)
ADMINISTRATION

Editor's Note: The following Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening was reviewed per Executive Order 2012-03 as issued by Governor Brewer. (See the text of the executive order on page 3383.) The Governor's Office authorized the notice to go through the rulemaking process on November 3, 2014.

[R14-193]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services
Chapter and its heading: 22, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System - Administration
Article and its heading: 2, Scope Of Services
12, Behavioral Health Services
Section numbers: R9-22-202, R9-22-1202 (*As part of this rulemaking, the Administration may add, delete, or modify Sections as necessary.*)
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The Administration is proposing a rulemaking to clarify an issue that has been identified through the administrative hearing process regarding contractor responsibility for covering inpatient hospital services when both medical and behavioral health services are provided during the same hospital stay. The proposed rule will clarify the reimbursement methodology. The Administration is proposing to clarify through rule, its existing policy that the RBHA is responsible for all inpatient hospital services if the principle diagnosis on the hospital claim is a behavioral health diagnosis. Those claims will be paid in accordance with a per diem fee schedule developed by ADHS and approved by AHCCCS. Hospital claims that do not have a behavioral health diagnosis as the principle diagnosis will be paid by the acute care contractor using the DRG payment methodology. This proposed amendment will benefit hospitals by clarifying to whom claims should be submitted and the amount of reimbursement that the hospital can expect. The Administration intends to initiate and implement this clarification as soon as possible to reduce billing disputes between hospitals and health plans and to reduce unnecessary administrative hearings arising from those disputes.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 20 A.A.R. 3334, December 5, 2014 (*in this issue*).
- 4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Administration will accept written comments Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the address indicated in question #4. Public hearings will be scheduled later to provide a forum for interactive discussion with interested parties. E-mail comments will be accepted.
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
The Notice of Proposed rulemaking will be published along with this Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.