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Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

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Notice of Rulemaking Intent

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Barbara J. Smith
Executive Secretary/Rules Liaison
Date: September 20, 2019
TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 25. ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND APPRENTICES

RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking intent

PROPOSED RULES:
435:25-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]
Subchapter 3. Licensure of Athletic Trainers
435:25-3-1. Licensure by examination [AMENDED]
435:25-3-2. Licensure by endorsement [AMENDED]
Subchapter 5. Regulation of Athletic Trainer Practice
435:25-5-2. Initial licensure; renewal; reinstatement [AMENDED]
435:25-5-4. Prescribing drugs [AMENDED]
435:25-5-5. Disclosure of examination contents by licensee prohibited [REVOKED]
Subchapter 7. Licensure of Apprentice Athletic Trainers
435:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]
Subchapter 11. Disciplinary Action
435:25-11-2. Investigatory hearings [REVOKED]

SUMMARY:
The proposed revisions will bring the rules up to date and consistent with updated educational curriculum being taught to Athletic Trainers and pathway for licensure. The name of the national certifying body has been corrected in the proposed amendment. Certification is currently required for initial licensure but not renewal of licensure. The proposed rule amendments also close that loophole, and certification will now be required for licensure renewal as well. ATs will be able to administer and dispense scheduled and legend drugs under the supervision of a physician, but ATs have not been and will not be allowed to prescribe scheduled and legend drugs. These revisions also consolidate the definitions used in the rules related to ATs into one section. Additionally, contradictory language regarding the Committee conducting investigatory hearings that are currently performed by the Board consistent with its statutory authority under the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act is being repealed along with a prohibition on disclosure of examination contents as neither the Board nor the Committee administer the BOC Certification Examination.

AUTHORITY:
Title 59 O.S. §§ 525 et seq; Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

COMMENT PERIOD:
Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so by close of business on November 14, 2019, at the following address: Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, Attn: Barbara Smith, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or via email to bsmith@okmedicalboard.org.

PUBLIC HEARING:
A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2019, at the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in at the door by 9:05 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
N/A
COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:
Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision website at www.okmedicalboard.org or you may request a copy in person at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:
Pursuant to 75 O.S. Section 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available in the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision office at the address listed above and on the Board’s website at okmedicalboard.org after October 30, 2019.

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