TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 20. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ASSISTANTS

RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking intent

PROPOSED RULES:
Subchapter 9. Continuing Education
435:20-9-1 Definitions [AMENDED]
435:20-9-2 Continuing education Professional development requirements for renewal [AMENDED]
435:20-9-3 Continuing education Professional development categories [AMENDED]
435:20-9-3.1 Approval of providers [NEW]
435:20-9-4 Guidelines for the audit process [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:
The proposed revisions realign the Physical Therapy administrative rules with national trend in the physical therapy profession moving from continuing education and competency to professional development, and they provide for and clarify certain definitions related to professional development. The revisions also set forth a process wherein certain organizations’ programs may automatically qualify as professional development. While the current rules separate continuing education and competency into two categories, the revisions eliminate these categories and instead distinguish between synchronous, asynchronous, and other educational and competency opportunities. The methods for earning professional development units have also been significantly expanded.

AUTHORITY:
Title 59 O.S. §§ 887.1 et seq; Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

COMMENT PERIOD:
Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so by the close of business on February 2, 2020, 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, February 7, 2020, 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 January 17, 2020.

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