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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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### CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 17-068

#### Comments

**[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]**

#### 1. Statutory Authority

In the rule summary’s listing of statutory authority, it appears that the reference to s. 447.07 (1) (a) 6., Stats., should be removed, as it is unclear to what that citation refers and may be a typo.

#### 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. In s. DE 2.01 (1) (d), the final period should not be underscored.
- b. In ss. DE 2.01 (1) (g) and (2) (b) and 2.03 (5) (b) 3. c. and d., each instance of the number “1” should be spelled out as “one”. [s. 1.01 (5), Manual.]
- c. The word “Submits” should be removed from the beginning of both proposed s. DE 2.01 (1) (h) and (1m) (e) in order to form a complete sentence with the introductory material, and to conform the grammatical structure to the other paragraphs in those subsections. [s. 1.03 (3), Manual.]
- d. Instead of creating proposed s. DE 2.01 (1m) (e), the board could add sub. (1) (h) to the paragraphs referenced in sub. (1m) (b). Likewise, instead of creating proposed s. DE 2.01 (2) (d), the board could modify the introductory material in sub. (2) to reference sub. (1) (h).
- e. Because SECTION 10 repeals and recreates s. DE 2.03 (5) (b), the text should appear without strike-throughs and underscores. [s. 1.065, Manual.] In addition, the word “Submits” should be singular in subd. 2., and the word “the” should be removed from subd. 3. b.

f. The board could consider rewording the phrase “in accordance with” in proposed s. DE 2.03 (6) for clarity. For example, the phrase “following submission of” could be used.

g. In the treatment clauses for both SECTIONS 13 and 16 of the proposed rule, the designation “(intro.)” should be inserted. The designation should likewise be added to the corresponding listings in the introductory clause for the proposed rule. [s. 1.03 (3), Manual.]

h. In the treatment clause for SECTION 14 of the proposed rule, the word “is” should be revised to “are”. Similarly, in the treatment clause for SECTION 18, the word “are” should be revised to “is”.

i. In s. DE 2.05, the underscored material should be moved to follow after the stricken material. The period should be shown at the end of all the material, without underscoring. [s. 1.06 (1) (a), Manual.]

### **5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language**

The board should review the rule generally for grammatical typos and punctuation. For example, the word “services” in proposed s. DE 2.01 (1) (g) should be singular rather than plural, the word “the” should be removed from proposed s. DE 2.01 (2), and a period should be inserted at the end of s. DE 2.03 (6) (a).