

STATE OF WISCONSIN
PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED
PODIATRISTS AFFILIATED : CREDENTIALING BOARD
CREDENTIALING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 07-103)

ORDER

An order of the Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board to create Pod 3.02 (1) (e), relating to continuing medical educational programs.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted:

Section 448.665, Stats.

Statutory authority:

Sections 15.085 (5) (b), 227.11 (2), 448.665 and 448.695 (2), Stats.

Explanation of agency authority:

The Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board has the authority under s. 448.665, Stats., to promulgate rules relating to continuing education.

Related statute or rule:

There are no other related statutes or rules other than those listed above.

Plain language analysis:

Section Pod 3.02 sets forth the requirements for obtaining continuing education for podiatrists. Each biennium, podiatrists are required to obtain 50 hours of acceptable continuing education. Under the current rule, the board has recognized four entities that may approve continuing education for its licensees. This amendment recognizes an additional entity, the Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine, as an acceptable approval authority for continuing education. By adding this amendment, licensees will have additional programming from which to choose in order to complete their continuing education requirements.

SECTION 1 adds an additional organization that may approve continuing education programs for podiatrists.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

There is no existing or proposed federal regulation.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Iowa

The Iowa board does not preapprove continuing education providers, sponsors, or programs. Licensees must review the statutory requirements and determine if programs meet the specified criteria. Some approved sponsors are listed, including the American Podiatric Medical Association and regional or state affiliates of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Illinois

Sponsors can apply to the board for recognition. They must be validated by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

Michigan

There are six categories of continuing education. Approval is granted by the Accreditation Council on Podiatric Education, the Board, accredited hospitals or other clinical institutions, or a graduate training program. A publication option is also available.

Minnesota

Programs must be approved by the Board or the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. Participation in home study programs, hospital staff meetings and acceptable graduate medical education are also allowed.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

A request to be included as a provider was submitted to the board by the Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine (WSPM). The board reviewed its current list of continuing podiatric medical education programs (CPME) and determined an expanded list of programs would offer more options for podiatrists.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact report:

The board reviewed the request of the Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine (WSPM), discussed it in person with a representative of the WSPM, and posed questions relating to the request. Board members consulted with members of the profession about the request and offered their own views on the merits of expanding the list of CPME programs.

Section 227.137, Stats., requires an “agency” to prepare an economic impact report before submitting the proposed rule-making order to the Wisconsin Legislative Council. The Department of Regulation and Licensing is not included as an “agency” in this section.

Anticipated costs incurred by private sector:

The department finds that this rule has no significant fiscal effect on the private sector.

Fiscal estimate:

The department estimates that the proposed rule will have no significant impact.

Effect on small business:

These proposed rules will have no significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department’s Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at larry.martin@drl.state.wi.us, or by calling (608) 266-8608.

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Pamela Haack, Paralegal, Department of Regulation and Licensing, Office of Legal Counsel, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 152, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935. Telephone: (608) 266-0495. Email: pamela.haack@drl.state.wi.us.

Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Comments may be submitted to Pamela Haack, Paralegal, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 152, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935, or by email at pamela.haack@drl.state.wi.us. Comments must be received on or before February 22, 2008, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Pod 3.02 (1) (e) is created to read:

Pod 3.02 (1) (e) The Wisconsin Society of Podiatric Medicine.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated _____ Agency _____
Chairperson
Podiatrists Affiliated Credentialing Board

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