



Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the State Medical Board

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 40.943. Standards of practice for telemedicine

- The proposed changes to this section will eliminate the language that has been rendered obsolete by the elimination of the Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waiver at the federal level and by changes in state law.
- These changes will eliminate barriers for prescribing buprenorphine or other medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder via telemedicine.

2. What are the expected positive and negative impacts from the proposed regulation changes?

This change is expected to have a positive impact. Stakeholders in public health have urged the board to make these changes.

No negative impacts are expected.

3. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There are no known costs to implement these changes.

4. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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