



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

REGULATORY REVIEW AND EVALUATION ACT

WORK PLANS – APRIL 1, 2026

Subtitle 40 – BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Subtitle 46 – BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

Subtitle 53 – BOARD OF NURSING – ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Subtitle 54 – SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Subtitle 55 – STATE BOARD OF SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH (REPEALED)

Subtitle 56 – BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE

Subtitle 57 – BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS

Subtitle 58 – BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Subtitle 59 – CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Subtitle 60 – BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

Subtitle 61 – HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONE INITIATIVE

Subtitle 62 – NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION (REPEALED)

Subtitle 64 – BOARD OF NURSING - LICENSED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES

Subtitle 65 – BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

Subtitle 67 – MARYLAND HEALTHCHOICE PROGRAM

Subtitle 68 – COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

Submitted By:

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EXEMPTIONS REQUESTED

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-132-1, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of Health has certified to the Governor and the AELR Committee that a review of the following chapters would not be effective or cost-effective and therefore are exempt from the review process based on the fact that they were either initially adopted (IA), comprehensively amended (CA) during the preceding 8 years, or Federally mandated (FM):

Subtitle 40 BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

10.40.12 Telehealth IA 9-18-2023

Subtitle 46 BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

10.46.08 Telehealth IA 9-18-2023

10.46.09 Dry Needling IA 9-16-2024

Subtitle 53 BOARD OF NURSING – ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE

10.53.02 Licensure CA 5-20-2019

10.53.03 Electrology Examination CA 5-20-2019

Subtitle 56 BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE

10.56.01 Licensure CA 8-18-2025

10.56.10 Telehealth IA 9-18-2023

Subtitle 57 BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS

10.57.02 Certification – Residential Child Care Program Administrators CA 10-13-2025

10.57.03 Certification – Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners CA 10-13-2025

Subtitle 58 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

10.58.06 Teletherapy CA 9-18-2023

10.58.07 Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Requirements for Certification and Licensure CA 6-28-2021

10.58.08 Marriage and Family Therapists – Requirements for Licensure CA 4-4-2022

10.58.12 Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors – Requirements for Licensure CA 6-28-2021

10.58.17 Art Therapists CA 4-4-2022

Subtitle 60 BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

10.60.03 Continuing Education CA 8-5-2024

Subtitle 65 BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

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| 10.65.01 General Regulations | CA 12-25-2023 |
| 10.65.03 Code of Ethics | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.65.04 Advertising | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.65.05 Continuing Education Requirements | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.65.06 Record Keeping | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.65.07 Fees | CA 12-25-2023 |
| 10.65.09 Sanctioning Guidelines | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.65.10 Telehealth | IA 9-18-2023 |
| 10.65.11 Curriculum Approval | 1A 12-25-2023 |

SUBTITLES AND CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN REPEALED OR THAT ARE CURRENTLY VACANT

Subtitle 55 STATE BOARD OF SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH

10.55 – Repealed – Subtitle and Chapter Repealed Effective March 26, 2018 (45:6 Md. R. 321)

Subtitle 62 NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION

10.62 – Repealed – Subtitle and Chapters .01—.37 Repealed Effective July 22, 2024 (Md. R. 51:14 678)

**Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 40 BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

- 10.40.01 Examination and Post-Graduate Training
- 10.40.02 Licensing and Continuing Education Requirements
- 10.40.03 Collection of Fees
- 10.40.04 Code of Ethics
- 10.40.05 Hearing Procedures
- 10.40.06 Advertising
- 10.40.07 Civil Penalties
- 10.40.08 Interpretation of Terms in the Maryland Podiatry Act
- 10.40.09 Compelling Purpose Disclosure
- 10.40.10 General Provisions
- 10.40.11 Sanctioning Guidelines

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Eva Schwartz | 7/1/26 |
| | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: (1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website and in Board’s newsletter; and (3) Announce in Open Session Board meetings. | | |
| | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: The Board will notify and solicit comments from all licensees and the professional association via the methods listed above. | Eva Schwartz | 7/31/26 |
| | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Podiatry Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Eva Schwartz | 9/30/26 |

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| 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and C. Other appropriate information are as follows: | Eva Schwartz | 10/30/26 |
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The Board will coordinate its work with the Department of Budget and Management, while being mindful of the potential fiscal impact of regulations on licensees and what is in the best interest of public safety and patient care.

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| 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: A. Continue to be necessary for public interest. B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal. D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations. E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3. | Eva Schwartz | 11/16/26 |
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II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee

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| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Eva Schwartz | 1/4/27 |
| 2. | Write draft report. | Eva Schwartz | 2/1/27 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Eva Schwartz | 3/1/27 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Eva Schwartz | 3/12/27 |

Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 46 BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

- 10.46.01 General Regulations
- 10.46.02 Code of Ethics
- 10.46.03 Procedure for Board Hearings
- 10.46.04 Continuing Competency Requirement
- 10.46.05 Collection of Fees
- 10.46.06 Competency Requirements for Physical Agent Modalities
- 10.46.07 Sanctioning Guidelines

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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Lauren Murray | 7/1/26 |
| | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: (1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website and in Board’s newsletter; and (3) Announce in Open Session Board meetings. | | |
| | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: The Board will solicit comments from the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) | Lauren Murray | 7/31/26 |
| | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Occupational Therapy Practice Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Lauren Murray | 9/30/26 |
| | 3. Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and | Lauren Murray | 10/30/26 |

C. Other appropriate information are as follows:
The Board will discuss recommendations from MOTA and AOTA.

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| 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: | Lauren Murray | 11/16/26 |
| | A. Continue to be necessary for public interest. | | |
| | B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. | | |
| | C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal. | | |
| | D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations. | | |
| | E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3. | | |

II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee

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| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Lauren Murray | 1/4/27 |
| 2. | Write draft report. | Lauren Murray | 2/1/27 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Lauren Murray | 3/1/27 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Lauren Murray | 3/12/27 |



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

February 2, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland Board of Nursing submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.53 Board of Nursing - Electrology Practice Committee.

The Board of Nursing, requests an exemption from the RREA, in accordance with State Government Article, §10-132.1(b)(1) for the following chapters:

- COMAR 10.53.02 - Licensure - CA 05/20/2019
- COMAR 10.53.03 - Electrology Examination - CA 05/20/2019
- COMAR 10.53.04 - Continuing Education - CA 05/20/2019
- COMAR 10.53.05 - Standards of Practice and Conduct - CA 10/13/2025
- COMAR 10.53.06 - Electrology Programs - CA 05/20/2019
- COMAR 10.53.09 - Sterilization Procedures - CA 08/05/2024

During the next year, the Board of Nursing will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.53 Board of Nursing - Electrology Practice Committee regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, the Board of Nursing will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#), publication of notice in the Maryland Register, and posting of the notice on the unit's website.
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government; the Board of Nursing will work to solicit comments and feedback from other MDH internal units via email.
- Gather and review any applicable scientific information related to the regulations and any similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government. The

Board will research other states’ regulations, particularly those in states contiguous to Maryland, as well as jurisdictions nationally that license electrology. Additionally, the Board will research other state agency regulations to identify similarities and how they are structured.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.53 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | Lauren Bode | March 13, 2026 |
| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026* |
| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website and publication of notice in the Maryland Register | MDH ORPC | Completed |
| Invite Public Comment via posting of the notice on the unit’s website | Mitzi Fishman | April 15, 2026 |
| Ensure Participation in Review from Other MDH Internal Units | Mitzi Fishman | May 15, 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | Lauren Bode | June 15, 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | Mitzi Fishman | July 15, 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | Lauren Bode | November 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | Mitzi Fishman | December 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | MDH ORPC | December 15, 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2027 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the Board of Nursing RREA Coordinator, Mitzi Fishman at mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Fishman
Director of Legislative Affairs
Maryland Board of Nursing



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

April 1, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.54 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

During the next year, PHPA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.54 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, MCHB will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via:
 - A notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#);
 - A publication of notice in the Maryland Register;
 - A posting of notice on the unit's website; and
 - A notification to the Maryland Retailers Association.
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government, although MCHB does not expect there to be any other relevant areas of state government at this time.
- Gather and review any applicable scientific information related to the regulations and any similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government, particularly ensuring that Maryland's WIC regulations are in alignment with federal regulations.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.54 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | PHPA OSS | March 15, 2026 |
| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026* |
| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | Completed |
| Notification to Maryland Retailers Association | MCHB WIC Team | March 1, 2026 |
| Publication on unit website | MCHB WIC Team | April 2026 |
| Publication of notice in the Maryland Register | PHPA OSS | April 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | MCHB WIC Team | April 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | MCHB WIC Team | July 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | MCHB WIC Team | July 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | PHPA OSS | August 1, 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | PHPA OSS | March 15, 2027 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2027 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the PHPA RREA Coordinator, Jody Sheely at Jody.Sheely@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,



Jordan Fisher Blotter, JD
 Director, Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination
 Maryland Department of Health

**Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 56 BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE**

- 10.56.02 Fees
- 10.56.03 Code of Ethics
- 10.56.04 Hearing Procedures
- 10.56.05 Continuing Education
- 10.56.06 Compelling Purpose Disclosure
- 10.56.07 Advertising
- 10.56.08 Tax Compliance Regulations
- 10.56.09 Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Marie Savage | 7/1/26 |
| | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: (1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website and in Board’s newsletter; and (3) Announce in Open Session Board meetings. | | |
| | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: The Board will reach out to other associations such as the Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Maryland Nutritionists Association to solicit comments. | Marie Savage | 7/31/26 |
| | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Dietetic Practice Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Marie Savage | 9/30/26 |

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| 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and C. Other appropriate information are as follows: | Marie Savage | 10/30/26 |
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Conduct an internet search of other Maryland State agencies, as well as neighboring states, to find out whether they have similar regulations and how they are structured.

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| 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: A. Continue to be necessary for public interest. B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal. D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations. E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3. | Marie Savage | 11/16/26 |
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II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee

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| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Marie Savage | 1/4/27 |
| 2. | Write draft report. | Marie Savage | 2/1/27 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Marie Savage | 3/1/27 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Marie Savage | 3/12/27 |

Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 57 BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS

- 10.57.01 Definitions
- 10.57.04 Continuing Education
- 10.57.05 Code of Ethics
- 10.57.06 Hearing Procedures
- 10.57.07 Fees
- 10.57.08 Compelling Purpose Disclosure
- 10.57.09 Tax Compliance Regulations
- 10.57.10 Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Janet Furman, Board Chair | 7/1/26 |
| | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: (1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website and in Board’s newsletter; and (3) Announce in Open Session Board meetings. | | |
| | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: The Board will solicit comments from the Residential Child Care programs, Licensing agencies, Program Administrators, and Residential Child Care Program Professionals. | Janet Furman, Board Chair | 7/31/26 |
| | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: • Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. • Review other state Residential Child Care Program Professionals Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Executive Director, TBD | 9/30/26 |

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| | <p>3. Procedures for gathering and reviewing of:</p> <p>A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A</p> <p>B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and</p> <p>C. Other appropriate information are as follows: The Board will discuss recommendations from the Residential Child Care programs, Licensing agencies, Program Administrators, and Residential Child Care Program Professionals.</p> | Executive Director, TBD | 10/30/26 |
| | <p>4. Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Continue to be necessary for public interest.</p> <p>B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions.</p> <p>C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal.</p> <p>D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations.</p> <p>E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3.</p> | Executive Director, TBD | 11/16/26 |
| <p>II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee</p> | <p>1. Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above</p> <p>2. Write draft report.</p> <p>3. Coordinate executive reviews of draft report.</p> <p>4. Consolidate review comments and prepare final report.</p> | <p>Executive Director, TBD</p> <p>Executive Director, TBD</p> <p>Executive Director, TBD</p> <p>Executive Director, TBD</p> | <p>1/4/27</p> <p>2/1/27</p> <p>3/1/27</p> <p>3/12/27</p> |

**Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 58 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

- 10.58.02 General Regulations
- 10.58.03 Code of Ethics
- 10.58.04 Procedure for Board Hearings
- 10.58.05 Continuing Competency Requirement
- 10.58.09 Collection of Fees
- 10.58.10 Competency Requirements for Physical Agent Modalities
- 10.58.11 Sanctioning Guidelines
- 10.58.16 Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri | 7/1/26 |
| | <p>A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used:</p> <p>(1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website and in Board’s newsletter; and (3) Announce in Open Session Board meetings.</p> | | |
| | <p>B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: The Board has established a quarterly stakeholders meeting, which will support broad engagement in the regulatory review process. In addition, the Board will continue to seek stakeholder participation through ongoing meetings and consultations with groups representing licensees, academic partners, professional associations, and other relevant organizations.</p> | Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri | 7/31/26 |
| | <p>C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Professional Counselors/Therapists Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri | 9/30/26 |

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| | <p>3. Procedures for gathering and reviewing of:</p> <p>A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A</p> <p>B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and</p> <p>C. Other appropriate information are as follows: The Board will consider internal licensing trends, complaint data, operational feedback, and relevant legislative updates, along with similar regulations adopted or revised in other states, to ensure a comprehensive and informed evaluation.</p> | Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri | 10/30/26 |
| | <p>4. Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Continue to be necessary for public interest.</p> <p>B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions.</p> <p>C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal.</p> <p>D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations.</p> <p>E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3.</p> | Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri | 11/16/26 |
| <p>II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee</p> | <p>1. Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above</p> <p>2. Write draft report.</p> <p>3. Coordinate executive reviews of draft report.</p> <p>4. Consolidate review comments and prepare final report.</p> | <p>Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri</p> <p>Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri</p> <p>Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri</p> <p>Tomiloba Olaniyi-Quadri</p> | <p>1/4/27</p> <p>2/1/27</p> <p>3/1/27</p> <p>3/12/27</p> |



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

December 4, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Office of Preparedness and Response (OP&R) submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.59 [Catastrophic Health Emergencies].

During the next year, OP&R will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.59 [Catastrophic Health Emergencies] regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, OP&R will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity with a survey link that is posted on the [MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination \(ORPC\) website](#). A draft version of the Evaluation Report will also be posted on the website for public review and comment.
- Send a survey to solicit comments and feedback from the health care coalitions, which includes hospitals/healthcare facilities, local health departments (LHDs), local emergency management, and local EMS to ensure stakeholder participation in the review process.
- Send a survey to solicit comments and feedback from the MDH Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ), MDH Healthcare Systems, MDH Prevention & Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), and LHDs to ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government
- Gather and review any applicable scientific information related to the regulations and any similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government as well as review relevance to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.59 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submit Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | MDH OP&R | March 15, 2026 |
| Submit Work Plan Report to Joint Committee for Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026 |
| Gather and Review Additional Information | MDH OP&R | May 15, 2026 |
| Develop Survey for Public Input | MDH OP&R | May 22, 2026 |
| Invite Public Comment with Survey Link on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | June 1, 2026 |
| Send Survey Link to Stakeholders and Other Units of State Government for input | MDH OP&R | June 1, 2026 |
| Public Comment Period Ends - Remove Survey Link from website | MDH ORPC | June 19, 2026 |
| Evaluate Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | MDH OP&R | July 1, 2026 |
| Prepare Draft Evaluation Report | MDH OP&R | August 28, 2026 |
| Post draft Evaluation Report for Public Review on the MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | September 2, 2026 |
| Send draft Evaluation Report to Stakeholders and Other Units of State Government for review | MDH OP&R | September 2, 2026 |
| Public Comment Period Ends - Remove Draft Evaluation Report from website | MDH ORPC | September 22, 2026 |
| Revise Evaluation Report | MDH OP&R | October 7, 2026 |
| Submit Evaluation Report to MDH ORPC for Secretary Review | MDH OP&R | October 23, 2026 |
| Consolidate review comments and prepare final Evaluation Report. | MDH ORPC and OP&R | November 4, 2026 |
| Submit Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | November 20, 2026 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the OP&R RREA Coordinator, Johanna Gregory Belssner at Johanna.Belssner@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S-B', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the 'B'.

Sara Barra, MS, CPM, CBCP
Director, Office of Preparedness and Response

Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 60 BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

- 10.60.02 Licensing Procedures
- 10.60.04 Rules of Procedure for Board Hearings
- 10.60.05 Code of Ethics
- 10.60.06 Fee Schedule
- 10.60.07 Compelling Public Purpose Disclosure

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.60 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Leigh Broderick | 7/1/26 |
| | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: (1) Posting of notice on the Board's website; and (2) Announce in Open Session Board meetings. | | |
| | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board will post a notice of the review on its website and send an email notice to all licensees. ● The Board will also discuss the review at open, publicly advertised Board meetings. ● The Board will encourage the Maryland State Conference of Environmental Health Directors to discuss the review at their monthly meeting with the goal of providing the Board with their input. | Leigh Broderick | 7/31/26 |
| | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Environmental Health Specialists Boards' regulations for comparison. | Leigh Broderick | 9/30/26 |
| | 3. Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: | Leigh Broderick | 10/30/26 |

A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. **N/A**

B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and

C. Other appropriate information are as follows: ***Throughout the process, the Board will be mindful of the potential fiscal impact on all entities being regulated as well as what is in the best interest of public health.***

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| 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: | Leigh Broderick | 11/16/26 |
| | A. Continue to be necessary for public interest. | | |
| | B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. | | |
| | C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal. | | |
| | D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations. | | |
| | E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3. | | |
| II. | Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee | | |
| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Leigh Broderick | 1/4/27 |
| 2. | Write draft report. | Leigh Broderick | 2/1/27 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Leigh Broderick | 3/1/27 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Leigh Broderick | 3/12/27 |



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

April 1, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA) submits this Work Plan Report for [COMAR 10.61 Health Enterprise Zone Initiative](#).

During the next year, PHPA will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.61 Health Enterprise Zone Initiative regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, PHPA will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#) and in the Maryland Register.
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government; PHPA will work to solicit comments and feedback through a general notice sent out to all MDH units.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.61 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | PHPA Reg Coordinator | March 15, 2026 |
| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026* |

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| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | Completed |
| Post in the Maryland Register | PHPA Reg Coordinator | May 15, 2026 |
| Solicit Comments from all MDH Units | PHPA Reg Coordinator | July 15, 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | PHPA Reg Coordinator | September 15, 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | PHPA Reg Coordinator | October 15, 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | PHPA Reg Coordinator | November 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | PHPA Reg Coordinator | December 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | PHPA OSS | March 15, 2027 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2027 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the PHPA RREA Coordinator, Jody Sheely at jody.sheely@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,



Jordan Fisher Blotter, JD
 Director, Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination
 Maryland Department of Health



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

February 2, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland Board of Nursing submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.64 Board of Nursing - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives .

The MDH Unit, requests an exemption from the RREA, in accordance with State Government Article, §10-132.1(b)(1) for the following chapters:

- COMAR 10.64.02 - Code of Ethics for Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - IA 11/15/2021

During the next year, the Board of Nursing will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.64 Board of Nursing - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, the Board of Nursing will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#), publication of notice in the Maryland Register, and posting of the notice on the unit's website.
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government; the Board of Nursing will work to solicit comments and feedback from other MDH internal units via email.
- Gather and review any applicable scientific information related to the regulations and any similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government. The Board will research other states' regulations, particularly those in states contiguous to Maryland, as well as jurisdictions nationally that license Direct-Entry Midwives. Additionally, the Board will research other state agency regulations to identify similarities and how they are structured.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.64 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | Lauren Bode | March 13, 2026 |
| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026* |
| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | Completed |
| Invite Public Comment via the publication of notice in the Maryland Register and via posting of the notice on the unit's website | Mitzi Fishman | April 15, 2026 |
| Ensure Participation in Review from the Maryland Maternal and Child Health Bureau | Mitzi Fishman | May 15, 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | Lauren Bode | June 15, 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | Mitzi Fishman | July 15, 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | Lauren Bode | November 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | Mitzi Fishman | December 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | MDH ORPC | December 15, 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2027 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the Board of Nursing RREA Coordinator, Mitzi Fishman at mitzi.fishman@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Fishman
Director of Legislative Affairs

Maryland Department of Health
2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON
Subtitle 65 BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

10.65.02 Rules of Procedure for Board Hearings

10.65.08 Licensure and Registration Examination – Special Needs Applicants

| OBJECTIVES | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
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| I. Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 1. Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 10/1/25 |
| | 2. Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison | 7/1/26 |
| | <p>A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used:</p> <p>(1) Publication of notice in the Maryland Register; (2) Posting of notice on the Board’s website; (3) Email notice to licensees and registrants; and (4) Announce in Open Session Board meetings.</p> <p>B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used:</p> <p>The Board will notify and solicit comments from licensees, the professional association and other stakeholders</p> <p>C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. ● Review other state Massage Therapy Boards’ regulations for comparison. | Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison | 7/31/26 |
| | 3. Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: | Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison | 10/30/26 |
| | A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. N/A | | |
| | B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and | | |
| | C. Other appropriate information are as follows: Conduct research of other Boards in other states to determine if they | | |

have similar regulations and the manner in which they are structured.

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| | <p>4. Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Continue to be necessary for public interest.B. Continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions.C. Are obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal.D. Continue to be effective in accomplishing the intended purpose of the regulations.E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1 - 3. | <p>Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison 11/16/26</p> |
| <p>II. Prepare report to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee</p> | <p>1. Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above</p> | <p>Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison 1/4/27</p> |
| | <p>2. Write draft report.</p> | <p>Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison 2/1/27</p> |
| | <p>3. Coordinate executive reviews of draft report.</p> | <p>Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison 3/1/27</p> |
| | <p>4. Consolidate review comments and prepare final report.</p> | <p>Sharon Oliver/Charlene Faison 3/12/27</p> |



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

March 31, 2026

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.67 Maryland HealthChoice Program.

During the next year, Medicaid will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.67 Maryland HealthChoice Program regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, Medicaid will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#) announcing the review at the March MCO Liaison meeting on March 5, 2026.
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government; Medicaid will work to solicit comments and feedback from the HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).
- Gather and review any applicable scientific information related to the regulations and any similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.67 Maryland HealthChoice Program | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | Tyler Colomb | March 15, 2026 |

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| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | April 1, 2026* |
| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | March 5, 2026 |
| Public Notice Announcement at MCO Liaison | Tyler Colomb | March 5, 2026 |
| Ensure Participation in Review from the MCOs. | Tyler Colomb | March 5, 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | Tyler Colomb | April 1, 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | Tyler Colomb | November 1, 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | Tyler Colomb | December 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | Tyler Colomb | January 2027 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | Tyler Colomb | February 1, 2027 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | March 1, 2027 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the Medicaid RREA Coordinator, Tyler Colomb at tyler.colomb@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2026.

Sincerely,



Jordan Fisher Blotter, JD
 Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination
 Maryland Department of Health



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 17, 2026

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD
Secretary of Health
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street,
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Dear Secretary Seshamani:

In accordance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act (RREA), State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Office of Population Health and Improvement (OPHI) submits this Work Plan Report for COMAR 10.68 Community Health Workers.

During the next year, OPHI will conduct a thorough review of the COMAR 10.68 Community Health Workers regulations. To accomplish this and ensure adequate stakeholder participation, OPHI will do the following:

- Invite public comment and ensure participation of stakeholders in the review process of these regulations via a notification of comment opportunity that is posted on the [MDH Regulatory Review website](#), posting of notice on the OPHI's website, and engagement with the State Community Health Worker (CHW) Advisory Committee (as required in statute).
- Ensure participation in the review process of other units in State government; OPHI will work to solicit comments and feedback from Local Health Departments (LHDs) who have been engaged in employing and working with organizations that engage CHWs.

The tentative schedule for this review and set forth in the below table:

| Regulatory Review Schedule for COMAR 10.68 | | |
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| Action | Responsible Party | Completion Date |
| Submission of Work Plan to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | December 15, 2025 |
| Submission of Work Plan Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | January 1, 2026* |
| Invite Public Comment on MDH ORPC Website | MDH ORPC | Completed |

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| Engage CHW Advisory Committee in regulation review during scheduled August meeting. | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | August 17, 2026 |
| Ensure Participation in Review from relevant Local Health Departments | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | August 31, 2026 |
| Gathering and Review of Additional Information | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | September 30, 2026 |
| Evaluation of Need to Retain, Amend, or Repeal Existing Regulations | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | October 30, 2026 |
| Preparation of Evaluation Report | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | November 2026 |
| Review of Evaluation Report | MDH OPHI Regs Coordinator | December 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to MDH Office of Regulation & Policy Coordination (ORPC) for Secretary Review | MDH ORPC | December 15, 2026 |
| Submission of Evaluation Report to AELR Committee | MDH ORPC | January 1, 2026 |

**MDH ORPC will submit the Work Plan and Evaluation Report to AELR approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all MDH submissions for this cycle - but no later than the date listed.*

If you have any questions, you may contact the OPHI RREA Coordinator, Alphius Sesay at alphius.sesay1@maryland.gov. I appreciate your facilitation with this submission to the Joint Committee for Administrative and Executive Review by April 1, 2027.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Hiner, MPH
 Director, Office of Population Health Improvement
 Maryland Department of Health