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**Notice of Final Action**

[20-062-F]

On April 28, 2020, the Secretary of Health adopted amendments to Regulation **.03** under **COMAR 10.38.12 Dry Needling**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 47:4 Md. R. 266 (February 14, 2020), has been adopted as proposed.

**Effective Date: May 18, 2020.**

ROBERT R. NEALL  
Secretary of Health

**PROPOSAL**

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**Notice of Proposed Action**

[20-062-P]

The Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulation **.03** under **COMAR 10.38.12 Dry Needling**. This action was considered by the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners at a public meeting held on October 15, 2019, notice of which was given by publication on the Board’s website at https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/index.aspx pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3–302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to allow physical therapists trained in dry needling while in active military service to practice in Maryland.

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

The proposed action has no economic impact.

**Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

**Impact on Individuals with Disabilities**

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to Jake Whitaker, Acting Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through March 16, 2020. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

**.03 Minimum Education and Training Necessary to Perform Dry Needling.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. The instruction required under §A(1) of this regulation shall be provided by a continuing education course sponsored by **[**the**]**:

(1) *The*American Physical Therapy Association;

(2) The APTA of Maryland; **[**or**]**

(3) The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy*; or*

*(4) The United States Armed Forces.*

C.—I. (text unchanged)

**[**J. This regulation shall take effect October 1, 2018.**]**

ROBERT R. NEALL  
Secretary of Health