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REGULATORY REVIEW AND EVALUATION ACT

WORD PLANS – OCTOBER 1, 2025

Subtitle 38 – BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Subtitle 41 – BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS

Subtitle 42 – BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Subtitle 43 – BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Subtitle 44 – BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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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 38 BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

| 10.38.08 Continuing Education Requirements | CA 11-13-2023 |
|--|---------------|
| 10.38.13 Telehealth | IA 9-18-2023 |

Subtitle 41 BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS

| 10.41.01 | Collection of Fees | CA 8-5-2024 |
|----------|---|--------------|
| 10.41.02 | Code of Ethics | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.41.03 | Licensure and Continuing Education | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.41.05 | Music Therapy | IA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.41.06 | Telehealth | IA 9-18-2023 |
| 10.41.08 | Hearing Aid Dispensing | CA 8-5-2024 |
| 10.41.11 | Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Audiology Assistants | CA 8-5-2024 |

Subtitle 42 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

| 10.42.01 | Regulations Governing Licensure | CA 6-9-2025 |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 10.42.02 | Social Work Practice | CA 6-17-2019 |
| 10.42.03 | Code of Ethics | CA 5-20-2019 |
| 10.42.06 | Continuing Education Requirements | CA 12-11-2023 |
| 10.42.08 | Supervision | CA 6-17-2019 |
| 10.42.10 | Teletherapy | CA 9-18-2023 |

Subtitle 43 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

| 10.43.05 Chiropractic Externship Program | CA 5-20-2019 |
|--|--------------|
| 10.43.10 Continuing Education Requirements | CA 1-8-2024 |
| 10.43.16 Dry Needling | IA 4-4-2022 |
| 10.43.17 Telehealth | IA 9-18-2023 |

Subtitle 44 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

| 10.44.22 Continuing Education | IA 3-4-2025 |
|--|--------------|
| 10.44.34 Inspections – Compliance with Centers for Disease Control | IA 8-18-2025 |
| and Prevention Guidelines | |

CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN REPEALED OR THAT ARE CURRENTLY VACANT

Subtitle 44 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

10.44.18 Parenteral Sedation

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| 10.38.01 General Regulations |
|------------------------------|
| 10.38.02 Code of Ethics |

10.38.03 Standards of Practice

10.38.04 Physical Therapy Aide

10.38.05 Rules of Procedure for Board Hearings

10.38.06 Foreign-Educated Licensure Requirements

10.38.07 Fee Schedule

10.38.09 Speech-Impaired Applicants

10.38.10 Disciplinary Sanctions, Monetary Penalties, and Civil Fines

SCHEDULED

10.38.11 Compelling Purpose Disclosure

10.38.12 Dry Needling

| | OBJECTIVES | | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | COMPLETION DATE | |
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| l. | Evaluate the above chapters for the purpose of satisfying the requirement | 1. | Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 6/1/25 | |
| | | 2. | Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 2/2/26 | |
| | | | 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 | | |
| | | | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 2/2/26 | |
| | | | (1) Solicit input via notification in the Maryland Register(2) Publish in the Board's newsletter and on the Board's websi | te. | | |
| | 3 | | | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 3/31/26 |
| | | | Solicit comments from other Maryland Health Occupation Boar Maryland Department of Health. | ds and the | | |
| | | | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable – Not Applicable B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federa Government: | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 5/1/26 | |

Research other state's regulations, especially those contiguous to Maryland.

C. Other appropriate information are as follows:

II. Prepare report to the

Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee

Research professional organizations and their studies and opinions on regulatory changes. Collaborate with the Department of Budget and Management.

| 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 5/15/26 |
|----|--|----------------------|---------|
| | 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. | | |
| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 6/15/26 |
| 2. | Write draft report. | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 7/3/26 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 8/3/26 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Laurie Kendall-Ellis | 8/14/26 |

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS

Subtitle 41 BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS,

10.41.04 General Regulations

10.41.07 Cerumen Management

10.41.09 Civil Penalties

10.41.10 Compelling Purpose Disclosure

10.41.12 Supervision of Students

10.41.13 Sanctioning Guidelines

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| _ | OBJECTIVES | | ACTION STEPS | PERSON | DATE |
| I. | Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement | 1. | Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 6/1/25 |
| | of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 2. | Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/ stakeholders / other affected units. | Keena Stephenson | 2/2/26 |
| | , amotatos coso or ma. | | 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(3) Discussion during open session Board meetings. | | |
| | | | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: | Keena Stephenson | 2/2/26 |
| | | | (1) Solicit input via notification in the Maryland Register;(2) Publication on the Board's website; and(3) Discussion during open session Board meetings. | | |
| | | | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: | Keena Stephenson | 3/31/26 |
| | | | Solicit comments from other MDH health occupation boards . | | |
| | | 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable. B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and C. Other appropriate information are as follows: | Keena Stephenson | 5/1/26 |
| | | 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation based on the following criteria: | Keena Stephenson | 5/15/26 |

| A. Continue to be necessary for public in | interest. |
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- B. Continue to be inecessary 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.

| Prepare report to the |
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| Administrative, Executive |
| and Legislative Review |
| (AELR) Committee |
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| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Keena Stephenson | 6/15/26 |
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| 2. | Write draft report. | Keena Stephenson | 7/3/26 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Keena Stephenson | 8/3/26 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Keena Stephenson | 8/14/26 |

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10.42.04 Rules of Procedure for Board Hearings

10.42.05 Fee Schedule

10.42.07 Compelling Purpose Disclosure 10.42.09 Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties

| _ | OBJECTIVES | | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
|----|--|----|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| I. | Evaluate COMAR 10.31.01 satisfying the requirement | 1. | Inventory affected regulations. | Lillian Reese | 6/1/25 |
| | of State Government Article, §10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Md. | 2. | Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public/stakeholders / other affected units. 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 an Open Session Board meeting. | Karen Richards | 2/2/26 |
| | | | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: Solicit input via notification in the Maryland Register, and publish in the Board's newsletter and post on the Board's websit The Board will compare fees via other state Social Work Boards. The Compelling Purpose Disclosure will be reviewed by Board Legal Counsel to assure it is still in line with current statutes and regulations as it was last updated in 2002. The Board will consu with Board Legal Counsel to determine if sanctions and penaltie are in line with current standards and view other state social worboards for comparison. | i It s | 2/2/26 |
| | | | 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 social work board's regulations for comparison | Karen Richards | 3/31/26 |
| | | 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations | Karen Richards | 5/1/26 |

being reviewed, if applicable. N/A B. Similar regulations adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and The Board's membership with the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) will assist in determining if other member states have adopted or repealed similar regulations. C. Other appropriate information are as follows: 4. Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation Karen Richards 5/15/26 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. 1. 6 2.

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

| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Karen Richards | 6/15/26 |
|----|--|----------------|---------|
| 2. | Write draft report. | Karen Richards | 7/3/26 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Karen Richards | 8/3/26 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Karen Richards | 8/14/26 |

Maryland Department of Health 2020 – 2028 WORK PLAN FOR EVALUATION REPORT ON Subtitle 43 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

10.43.01 General Regulations

10.43.02 Rules of Procedure for Board Hearings

10.43.03 Advertising

10.43.04 Licensure by Credentials for Chiropractors

10.43.06 Fees

10.43.07 Chiropractic Assistants

10.43.08 Licensure and Registration Examination – Special Needs Applicants

10.43.09 Monetary Penalties

10.43.11 Licensure Examination

10.43.12 Procedures for Clinical Demonstrations in Public Places

10.43.13 Code of Ethics

10.43.14 Record Keeping

10.43.15 Sanctioning Guidelines

| | OBJECTIVES | | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE |
|----|---|----|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 | 06/01/25 |
| | | 2. | Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from the public stakeholders / other affected units. | / Sharon Oliver | 02/02/26 |
| | | | A. To invite public comments on these regulations, the following procedures and methods will be used: | | |
| | | | (1) Posting of notice on the Board's website; and(2) Emailing notice to stakeholders. | | |
| | | | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: | Sharon Oliver | 02/02/26 |
| | | | (1) Solicit input via notification on the Board's website; and(2) Hosting stakeholders' meetings. | | |
| | | | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: | Sharon Oliver | 03/31/26 |
| | | | Solicit comments from other health occupation boards and the Maryland Department of Health. | | |
| | | 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: | Sharon Oliver | 05/01/26 |
| | | | A. Any recent scientific information related to the regulations | | |

being reviewed, if applicable. **Not applicable.**

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

The Board will maintain awareness of other states' regulations, as well as jurisdictions nationally that license chiropractic.

C. Other appropriate information are as follows:

Available through the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board (FCLB), the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).

4. Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation Sharon Oliver 05/15/26 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.

| 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #1 above | Sharon Oliver | 06/15/26 |
|----|--|---------------|----------|
| 2. | Write draft report. | Sharon Oliver | 07/03/26 |
| 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft report. | Sharon Oliver | 08/03/26 |
| 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final report. | Sharon Oliver | 08/14/26 |

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

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- **COMAR 10.44.01 Dental Assistants**
- COMAR 10.44.02 Licensure of Graduates of Foreign Dental Schools
- COMAR 10.44.03 The Conduct of Experimental Programs in Dental Schools or Colleges in the State, Which Use Dental Assistants, Dental Hygienists, or Both, In the Training, of Students Enrolled in the Dental School or College
- **COMAR 10.44.04 Practice of Dental Hygiene**
- **COMAR 10.44.05 Licensure for Dentists Licensed in Another State**
- COMAR 10.44.06 Advertising
- **COMAR 10.44.07 Rules of Procedure for the Disciplinary Process**
- **COMAR 10.44.08 Civil Penalties**
- COMAR 10.44.09 Licensure for Dental Hygienists Licensed in Another State
- **COMAR 10.44.10 Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses**
- **COMAR 10.44.11 Inactive Licenses**
- **COMAR 10.44.12 Anesthesia and Sedation**
- **COMAR 10.44.13 Radiographic Protection**
- COMAR 10.44.14 Approved Specialty Fields and Qualifications for Identification as a Specialist
- COMAR 10.44.15 Dentists and Dental Hygienists—Licensure by Examination
- **COMAR 10.44.16 Petition for Declarator Ruling**
- **COMAR 10.44.17 Temporary License to Practice Dental Hygiene**
- **COMAR 10.44.19 Dental Radiation Technologist**
- **COMAR 10.44.20 Fees**
- COMAR 10.44.21 Practice of Dental Hygiene Under General Supervision in a Facility or Long-Term Care Facility
- **COMAR 10.44.23 Unprofessional Conduct**
- **COMAR 10.44.24 Retired Volunteer Licenses**
- **COMAR 10.44.25 Compelling Public Purpose**
- **COMAR 10.44.26 Volunteer Licenses**
- COMAR 10.44.27 Dental Hygiene Practice—General Supervision—Private Practice
- COMAR 10.44.28 Teacher's Licenses for Graduates of United States or Canadian Dental Schools and Schools of Dental Hygiene
- COMAR 10.44.29 Nominations and Balloting for Appointments to Board of Dental Examiners
- COMAR 10.44.30 Record Keeping
- **COMAR 10.44.31 Sanctioning Guidelines**
- **COMAR 10.44.32 General Competency Requirements**
- COMAR 10.44.33 Temporary Licenses for Volunteer Dentists and Dental Hygienists and Temporary Dental Clinic Permits
- **COMAR 10.44.35 Limited Dental Drug Dispensing Permits**
- COMAR 10.44.36 Private Dental Offices Infection Control

Note the following requests for exemptions: Repealed or initially adopted within 8 years before the Work Plan is due.

- COMAR 10.44.18 Parenteral Sedation [Repealed]
- **COMAR 10.44.22 Continuing Education (Initially adopted-effective March 3, 2025)**
- COMAR 10.44.34 Inspections Compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines (Initially adopted-effective August 18, 2025)

| | OBJECTIVES | | ACTION STEPS | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | COMPLETION DATE |
|-------------------|--|----|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| fo s o A | Evaluate COMAR for the purpose of | 1. | Inventory affected regulations. | Murray Sherman | January 15, 2026 |
| | satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, | 2. | Procedures and methods to be used to ensure comments from public / stakeholders / other affected units. | Murray Sherman | March 31, 2026 |
| | Annotated Code of Maryland | | A. To invite public comment on these regulations, the following procedur and methods will be used: Publication of Notice in the Maryland Register. | es | |
| | | | B. To ensure the participation of stakeholders in the review process, the following procedures will be used: (EXPLAIN IN PARAGRAPH OR OUTLINE FORM). Publication of Notice in the Maryland Register. Stakeholders may utilize the procedures set forth in the Maryland Ad | | |
| | | | C. To ensure the participation in the review process of other units affected by the regulations, the following procedures will be used: (EXPLAIN PARAGRAPH OR OUTLINE FORM). The Board will advise other unby the regulations to view the Board's website for updates. | IN | |
| | | 3. | Procedures for gathering and reviewing of: A. Any recent scientific inform related to the regulations being reviewed, if applicable; B. Similar regulat adopted or repealed by other states or the federal government; and C. O appropriate information, are as follows: (EXPLAIN IN PARAGRAPH OR OUTLINE FORM). The Board will review scientific data when appropriate regulations of other states when appropriate. | ions ther | April 20, 2026 |
| | | 4. | Evaluate the need to retain, amend, or repeal each existing regulation bathe following criteria: | sed on Murray Sherman | May 25, 2026 |
| | | | 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; and | |

E. The information gathered under Action Steps 1—3.

SCHEDULED

| II. | (AELR) Committee | 1. | Consolidate information obtained from objective #I, above | Murray Sherman | June 22, 2026 |
|-----|------------------|----|--|----------------|--------------------|
| | | 2. | Write draft evaluation report. | Murray Sheman | July 20, 2026 |
| | | 3. | Coordinate executive reviews of draft evaluation report. | Murray Sherman | August 24, 2026 |
| | | 4. | Consolidate review comments and prepare final evaluation report. | Murray Sherman | September 15, 2026 |