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**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE**

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-477**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 2:** Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 2274(2), 2278, 2279 and 2284.

PURPOSE: The board may revise its rules regarding the issuance of advisory rulings by the Board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 3-A:** Licensure as a Temporary Licensee, Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 2274(2), 2278, 2279, and 2284

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements and procedures governing the issuance of permanent and temporary licenses for the practice of occupational therapy.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 5:** Role of the Occupational Therapy Assistant; Supervision of Occupational Therapy Assistants and Temporary Licensees

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 2272(12) and 2274(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the permissible duties of the Occupational Therapy Assistants and the duties of Occupational Therapists in the supervision of their Assistants.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 6-A:** License Renewal; Reinstatement

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §2274(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements for license renewal and reinstatement.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 7:** Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 2274(2) and 2283(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the rules regarding the code of ethics for licensed Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants by adopting the *Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics* published by the American Occupational Therapy Association.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 9:** Professional Misconduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §2274(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the rules describing professional misconduct that may result in disciplinary action against a licensee, including denial or nonrenewal of a license.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.