

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board

Rule No.: Chapters NHA 1 to 4

Relating to: Requirements for licensure, examinations, and approval of educational programs

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

None.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board will conduct a comprehensive evaluation and update of chs. NHA 1 to 4 to ensure its rules relating to requirements for licensure, examinations, and approval of educational programs are consistent with current professional, academic, licensing, and examination practices and standards and applicable Wisconsin statutes.

The Board will also review the qualifications for obtaining a Health Services Executive (HSE) designation from the National Association of State Boards of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB), and may revise its rules to allow the HSE designation to satisfy all or a portion of the requirements for licensure as a nursing home administrator.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Chapters NHA 1 to 4 currently contain all of the rules of the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board relating to requirements for licensure, examinations, and approval of educational programs. The Board has identified the need for a comprehensive evaluation and update of these rules to ensure they are consistent with current professional, academic, licensing, and examination practices and standards and applicable Wisconsin statutes. As described above, the Board's evaluation will include the Health Services Executive (HSE) designation of the National Association of State Boards of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB).

The alternatives of either partially updating or not updating these rules would be less beneficial to affected entities.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides an examining board "shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains. . ."

Section 456.02 (7), Stats., provides the Board shall "[d]evelop and enforce standards for the supervised practical experience to be required for licensure."

Section 456.03 (4), Stats., provides an applicant for a license as a nursing home administrator shall complete "a regular course of study or equivalent specialized courses or a program of study which the examining board considers adequate academic preparation for nursing home administration."

Section 456.05 (intro.), Stats., provides “[t]he examining board shall determine the subjects of examination for applicants for licensure as nursing home administrators, and the scope, content and format of such examinations.”

Section 456.08, Stats., provides “[t]he examining board may grant a nursing home administrator license under this chapter to a person who holds a nursing home administrator license issued by the proper authorities of any other state, upon payment of the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2) and upon submission of satisfactory evidence of the person's qualifications.”

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

State employees will spend approximately 100 hours developing the proposed rule.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Applicants for Wisconsin licensure as a nursing home administrator and sponsors of educational programs leading to licensure

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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