

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : CR 16-070
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD:**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The proposed rules establish requirements for the completion of continuing education relating to the opioid prescribing guidelines issued by the Board as a portion of the biennial training requirements for physicians and Board approval of educational courses and programs. These requirements will be another component to the current statewide initiatives addressing prescription drug abuse, and are in the best interest of public health and safety.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Medical Examining Board held a public hearing on December 21, 2016.

The Board received one written comment, expressing concern that no qualifying courses were in place and having to attend a live course would cause an undue burden. Subsequent to receiving the comment, qualifying courses became available, including online courses.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All Legislative Council recommendations have been incorporated into the proposed rule.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A