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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

No local governmental units participated in the development of the EIA.

12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

This proposed rule will not have a significant impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units, or the state's economy as a whole.

13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The primary benefits of implementing this rule include providing transparent and consistent approval of continuing education, which additionally provides Optometrists greater assurance that the time and money spent on such continuing education satisfies the requirements of the administrative code.

If the rule is not implemented, then Optometrists will continue to have uncertainty when enrolling in continuing education credits.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implications of implementing the rule is providing transparency and consistency in the approval of continuing education for Optometrists.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois: Illinois requires 30 hours of continuing education every two years. At least 12 hours of credit shall be certified by an approved optometry college, osteopathic or medical college, or pharmacy college. The remaining continuing education may be earned through papers published, teaching students at an optometry school, and self-instruction or video teleconferencing that is sponsored by any approved optometry college, institution or national or state optometry association. A program sponsor requesting approval shall submit an application with a list of all courses and programs offered, including a description, location, date and time the course is offered. [Section 1320.80, Illinois Admin Code]

Iowa: Iowa requires 50 hours of continuing education every two years. Only 10 hours of credit is allowed for correspondence or local study group programs. There is also a limit on the number of credit hours in the following topics: practice management courses (limit of 6 hours); dependent adult abuse and child abuse identification (limit of 2 hours) and postgraduate study courses (limit of 20 hours). Continuing education may

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be taken through programs sponsored by COPE, associations, and optometry schools. [Chapter 181, Iowa Admin. Rules]

Michigan: Michigan requires 40 hours of continuing education every two years. A licensee who holds a certification to administer topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agents or certification to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents or both shall complete 20 hours of board approved continuing education in pharmacological management of ocular conditions. Each licensee is required to complete at least 1 hour of continuing education in pain and symptom management. Approved continuing education includes courses approved by COPE or other continuing education programs that are approved by the Board. A program sponsor requesting approval shall submit an application with the clinical optometry program content, instructor credentials, description of delivery method and of physical facilities used, number of lecture hours on the content, and attendance monitoring plan. [R 338.319, Mich. Admin. Code]

Minnesota: Minnesota requires 40 continuing education credits every two years. Licensees may acquire up to 15 hours through home study, up to 6 hours on practice management, and up to 7 by providing medical eye care and eyeglasses helping underserved people. Licensees may also obtain continuing education credits for presentation of a lecture or for preparation of articles or books accepted for publication. A program sponsor requesting approval from the Board must submit a program, schedule and course description to the Board. [Minnesota Rules Parts 6500.0900 to 6500.1700]

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