

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**March 9, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom to receive public comments while complying with measures designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19).

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

**Public Health Code – General Rules (MOAHR #2020-109 LR)**

**Authority:** MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16194, MCL 333.16201, MCL 333.16221(e)(iv)(B), and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, and MCL 445.2030.

**Overview:** The proposed rules will add a definition for “implicit bias.” Amendments will be made to biennial license and registration renewals, and the date of renewal for acupuncture, audiology, chiropractic, marriage and family therapy, nursing home administrators, psychology, sanitarians, and speech-language pathology will be changed to the date of the year when the licensee’s initial license or a registrant’s initial registration was issued. Dental therapy will be added to biennial renewals and the renewal date provided. Amendments will be made to triennial license and registration renewals, and the date of renewal for athletic trainers and massage therapy will be changed to the date of the year when the licensee’s initial license was issued. Amendments will be made to the rule providing the minimum English language standard for licensure or registration to clarify the name of the Michigan English Test and the score required. A new proposed rule will be added to establish the implicit bias training requirements for health care professionals to ensure that Michigan residents do not encounter barriers or disparities in access to or delivery of health care services.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. **Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021, at the following address or e-mail address:**

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section  
P.O. Box 30670  
Lansing, MI 48909-8170  
Attention: Policy Analyst    Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=1235>

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81431417388?pwd=SEVJeIbOYkx5MkZzZ2w5NGwvNXZtUT09>

**Password for video connection: 174044**

**Phone number: 877-336-1831**

**Conference Code for audio connection: 486917**

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