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**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2020-2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-343**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**: The Board last amended its rules in 2011, and the Board may consider adjustments to rule chapters noted below if errors and omissions are discovered as a result of the rule amendments. Rules also may be updated to reflect current practice expectations.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 9704

PURPOSE: This chapter defines terms used throughout the Board's rules. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 2**: Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. § 9001; 32 M.R.S. § 9704

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth procedures for the issuance of advisory rulings by the board. This chapter may be subject to review for updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 3**: License Requirements for Respiratory Care Practitioners

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 9702(6) and (7), 9704(1) and (2), 9705, 9706‑A, 9707-A, 9711

PURPOSE: This chapter defines and describes eligibility requirements for Respiratory Therapists, Respiratory Care Technicians, temporary licensees and trainees. This chapter also sets forth license renewal procedures for Respiratory Therapists and Respiratory Care Technicians. This chapter may be subject to review for updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 6**: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 9704(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter specifies the manner in which respiratory care practitioners shall practice respiratory care. The Board may review this chapter and make changes to reflect current practice expectations for the protection of the public being served.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 7**: Misconduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 9704(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter provides examples of inappropriate behaviors that would constitute unprofessional conduct. The Board may review this for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.