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**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE**

2020 - 2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-477**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**

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

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:** Rulemaking is currently under consideration to update Chapter 7 of the Board’s rules.

**CHAPTER 2:** Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 2274(2), 2278, 2279, 2284

PURPOSE: The board may revise its rules regarding the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the Board.
SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 3-A:** Licensure as a Temporary Licensee, Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 2274(2), 2278, 2279, 2284

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements and procedures governing the issuance of permanent and temporary licenses for the practice of occupational therapy.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 5:** Role of the Occupational Therapy Assistant; Supervision of Occupational Therapy Assistants and Temporary Licensees

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 2272(12), 2274(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the permissible duties of the Occupational Therapy Assistants and the duties of Occupational Therapists in the supervision of their Assistants.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 6-A:** License Renewal; Reinstatement

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 2274(2), 2283(1)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the requirements for license renewal and reinstatement.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 7:** Code of Ethics and Ethics Standards

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 2274(2)

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the rules regarding the code of ethics for licensed Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants by adopting the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics published by the American Occupational Therapy Association.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and Consumers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 9:** Professional Misconduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 2274(2), 2286

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise the rules describing professional misconduct that may result in disciplinary action against a licensee, including denial or nonrenewal of a license.
SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.