

State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

CORRECTED NOTICE OF HEARING

The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board (VEB) announces that it will hold public hearings on the proposed permanent rule relating to VE 7 - Standards of Practice and Unprofessional Conduct for Veterinarians; Veterinary Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Therapies. The public hearings will also provide time for comments on rules for the new proposed permanent rule, VE 11 - Veterinary Professional Assistance Program, and the emergency rule, VE 11 – Veterinary Professional Assistance Program, published on November 22, 2017.

The VEB will hold four public hearings at the times and places shown below.

Hearing Dates and Locations:

January 9, 2018 Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Eau Claire State Office Building – Room 129
718 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI

January 10, 2018 Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Green Bay State Office Building – Room 152A
200 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI

January 11, 2018 Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lee Sherman Dreyfus State Office Building – Room 151 (West Entrance)
141 N.W. Barstow Street, Waukesha, WI

January 12, 2018 Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Prairie Oak State Office Building – Hall of Fame Room 172
2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI

The VEB invites the public to attend the hearings and comment on the proposed rule. Following the public hearings, the hearing record will remain open until January 31, 2018, for additional public comments. Comments, including those relating to small businesses, may be sent to the VEB at the address at the end of this notice, to cheryl.daniels@wisconsin.gov, or to <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/comment>

You may obtain a free copy of the hearing draft and related documents, including the economic impact analysis, by contacting the VEB (information at the end of this notice.) Copies will also be available at the hearing. To view the hearing draft rules online, go to <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/comment>.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

This rule change is anticipated to have an effect on small business, as many veterinary practices that will be subject to this definition change, are small businesses. However, it is not expected to have any adverse economic impact on these veterinary small businesses.

Instead, the proposed rule is anticipated to have a positive impact for veterinarians, certified veterinary technicians, and other Wisconsin-licensed professionals, as it clarifies the steps a veterinarian shall use to make a referral to another professional for CAITs and the delegation for these CAITs to certified veterinary technicians under the veterinarian's supervision. The VEB has received many requests for just this type of guidance from veterinarians, other professions practicing these therapies, and certified veterinary technicians in Wisconsin.

There were some comments, in the initial posting for economic impact, from some persons who practice equine massage therapy, but are not licensed as massage therapists in Wisconsin. Some expressed concern that veterinarians would no longer be able to refer clients to an unlicensed massage therapist practicing equine massage therapy. However, the rule clarifies that the referral by a veterinarian is only to a licensed professional, as CAITs are already currently within the statutory definition of the practice of veterinary medicine, and only a referral to another licensed professional or delegating with the established VCPR comports with the statutory language. However, this rule does make clear that it does not interfere with the relationship between any animal owner and a person the owner chooses to perform a CAIT on the owner's animal. In addition, the rule also clarifies that this is a referral and the other licensed professional does not work under the supervision of the referring veterinarian. Only where a certified veterinary technician is delegated by the veterinarian to perform a CAIT, will the performance of the CAIT be under the direct supervision of the veterinarian and within the VCPR.

Accommodations

Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter by December 21, 2017, by contacting Cheryl Daniels using the information below. The hearing facilities are handicap accessible.

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