

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original    Updated    Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

VE 1.02, 7, 8, 9

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3. Subject

Standards of practice and unprofessional conduct of veterinarians and veterinarian technicians

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

20.165 (1) (g)

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect    Increase Existing Revenues    Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate    Decrease Existing Revenues    Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy    Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units    Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes    No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

This rule does not present a policy problem. The goal of the proposed rule is to modernize outdated provisions in the Veterinary Examining Board's administrative code in order to create consistency between the code as it now exists and current veterinary practice. The proposed rule accomplishes this goal by (1) defining specific terms such as client and surgery, (2) clarifying provisions regarding unprofessional conduct, and (3) enumerating the information that must be contained in individual patient's medical records in s. VE7.03 (2) and VE 7.03 (3).

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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

The proposed rule will primarily affect licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians. The rule was posted on the Department of Safety and Professional Service's website for 14 days in order to solicit comments from the public regarding the rule. No comments were received from the public regarding the rule.

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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 this EIA.

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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 will not have an economic or fiscal impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units or the state's economy as a whole.

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

The main benefit of implementing the proposed rule is to bring relevant Wis. Admin .Code into conformity with current practice within the profession.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

This rule will provide greater guidance to licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians in maintaining the ethical standards within their profession.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

N/A

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

**Illinois:**

Veterinary professionals that fail to maintain medical records in Illinois violate the Standards of Professional Conduct ILL. Admin. Code tit. 68 §1500.50. Medical records may include, but are not limited to: patient identification information, client identification information, dated reason for visit and pertinent history, physical exam findings, and diagnostic, medical, surgical or therapeutic procedures performed. Medical records must be kept for a minimum of 5 years from the last contact with the patient.

**Iowa:**

Iowa's statutes and administrative rules are silent as to the requirements for medical records.

**Michigan:**

Michigan requires medical records must be maintained for a minimum of 3 years from the date of the last veterinarian service. Records may be maintained in written, electronic, audio or photographic format. Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.4921. The required information in the medical records includes, but is not limited to, the following: identification of the species of the patient, date of the last veterinary service, name, address, and telephone number of the client, vaccination history if known, and results of the physical examination.

**Minnesota:**

Minnesota Veterinarians may generate either a written or computer record which details the name, address, and telephone number of the owner, identity of the animals, including age, sex, and breed, date of examination or treatment and surgery, a brief history of the condition of each animal, herd, or flock, examination findings, laboratory and radiographic reports, tentative diagnosis, treatment plan, and medication and treatment. Records must be kept for 3 years after the last visit. MINN. r. 9100.08000 subp. 4

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes     No
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