

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PODIATRY AFFILIATED : CR 14-035
CREDENTIALING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

Not applicable.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA are attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

Section 448.665, Stats., requires the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board to promulgate rules concerning the procedures for licensees to complete continuing education courses. Licensees must complete 50 hours of continuing education within the biennial period immediately preceding the renewal date. The purpose of the proposed rule is to address the Board's concern that licensees were not being audited for compliance with the continuing education requirement. The proposed rule alleviates that concern by adding language to Wis. Admin. Code s. Pod 3.04 that will allow random audits of licensees in order to determine whether they have complied with the continuing education requirement. Licensees are also required to maintain proof of completion of a continuing education course for a minimum of 4 years.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board held a public hearing on June 17, 2014. No one testified at the public hearing. Written comments were submitted by Nicholas Lombardo, President of the Wisconsin Podiatric Medical Association. Mr. Lombardo's written comments were in support of the rule. He stated the, "revisions provide more clarity." The Board did not make any modifications to its rule-making proposal due to public comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.