



Jeff Youtz
Director

Legislative Services Office Idaho State Legislature

Serving Idaho's Citizen Legislature

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee
FROM: Principal Legislative Research Analyst - Brooke Brouman
DATE: August 07, 2013
SUBJECT: Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Physical Therapy Licensure Board

IDAPA 24.13.01 - Rules Governing the Physical Therapy License Board (Docket No. 24-1301-1301) - Proposed Rule

IDAPA 24.13.01 - Rules Governing the Physical Therapy License Board (Docket No. 24-1301-1302) - Fee Rule

(1) IDAPA 24.13.01 - Rules Governing the Physical Therapy License Board (Docket No. 24-1301-1301) - Proposed Rule

The Bureau of Occupational Licenses submits this proposed rule, which revises the Physical Therapy Licensure Board's rule regarding the supervision of physical therapist assistants. Currently, a supervising physical therapist is required to reevaluate a patient every five visits or once a week if treatment is performed more than once per day. The changes proposed by this rulemaking would require that the supervising physical therapist provide direct personal contact with the patient and assess and document the plan of care on or before every ten visits, but no less often than once every 60 days.

The Bureau states that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the Board desires to revise its supervision rule to provide more flexibility when supervising assistants.

The Board's proposed rule is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 54-2206, Idaho Code, and is consistent with the provisions of Section 54-2218, Idaho Code.

(2) IDAPA 24.13.01 - Rules Governing the Physical Therapy License Board (Docket No. 24-1301-1302) - Fee Rule

The Bureau of Occupational Licenses submits this proposed fee rule, which eliminates a provision providing for extraordinary expenses and decreases several of the Physical Therapy Licensure Board's fees as follows:

- (a) Initial licensure and annual renewal of a physical therapist from \$40 to \$25;
- (b) Initial licensure and annual renewal of a physical therapist assistant from \$35 to \$20;

(c) Administrative fee that is added to the examination fee from \$40 to \$20; and

(d) Application fee from \$50 to \$25.

The Bureau states that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the proposed revisions to the fee rule are simple in nature, confer a benefit to licensees and applicants and it is anticipated that there will not be opposition to the fee reductions.

It is anticipated that this rulemaking will reduce the amount of dedicated fund fees that the Board collects by approximately \$27,510.00. There is no fiscal impact on the state general fund as a result of this rulemaking.

The provisions of the Board's proposed rule decreasing fees for licensure and annual renewal of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are authorized pursuant to Section 54-2214, Idaho Code. The provisions of the Board's proposed rule decreasing an administrative fee and an application fee are authorized pursuant to Section 54-2207, Idaho Code.

cc: Bureau of Occupational Licenses
Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Cherie Simpson