

Administrative Rule Analysis



Social Work – General Rules

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Agency: Bureau of Health Care Services

Enabling Statute: Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.18516, MCL 333.18518, and MCL 333.16204

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

The Board of Social Work – General Rules have not been revised since the licensure process was implemented in 2005. 2014-157 LR would rescind the existing Board of Social Work rules and re-codify provisions from the existing rules into new rules that would be reorganized in a logical manner. The rules would also be revised to conform to statutory requirements. The rules establish requirements for licensure, supervision, re-licensure, and maintenance of licensure for social service technicians and bachelor's and master's level social workers. The most significant changes to the rules are outlined below.

Under the current rules, an applicant seeking a second master's level designation must complete an additional 2,000 hours of post-degree social work experience in the second specialty designated area. The rule set would add an additional requirement to obtain a second master's level designation: the applicant would have to complete the approved examination that is applicable to the designation sought.

The rule set would also expand the number and type of opportunities that a licensee may seek to earn continuing education credit, by including accredited colleges and universities as automatically approved providers of continuing education courses and materials.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The additions, amendments, and rescissions created by this rule set would not result in a significant fiscal impact for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or for other units of state and local of government.

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