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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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EMAIL mboard@msbml.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE 9/28/18	Name or number of rule(s): Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing 1.6		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Rule 1.6 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding bariatric medicine, medical weight loss and weight management practices.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 73-43-11

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Part 2640: Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing, Rule 1.6

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

- An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

- Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

<p align="center"><b>TEMPORARY RULES</b></p> <p>____ Original filing                  ____ Renewal of effectiveness                  To be in effect in ____ days                  Effective date:                  ____ Immediately upon filing                  ____ Other (specify): _____</p>	<p align="center"><b>PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES</b></p> <p>Action proposed:                  ____ New rule(s)                  ____ Amendment to existing rule(s)                  ____ Repeal of existing rule(s)                  ____ Adoption by reference  <b>Proposed final effective date:</b>                  ____ 30 days after filing                  ____ Other (specify): _____</p>	<p align="center"><b>FINAL ACTION ON RULES</b></p> <p>Date Proposed Rule Filed: <b>06/13/2018</b>  <b>Action taken:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text                  ____ Adopted with changes                  ____ Adopted by reference                  ____ Withdrawn                  ____ Repeal adopted as proposed  <b>Effective date:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing                  ____ Other (specify): _____</p>
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Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Mike Lucius, Deputy Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Mike Lucius*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Part 2640: Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing

***Part 2640 Chapter 1: Rules Pertaining to Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing of Medication***

***Rule 1.6 Bariatric Medicine, Medical Weight Loss, or Weight Management Practice***

- A. No bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, or weight management practice shall operate in Mississippi unless the owner, or operator, or medical director of the facility is a Mississippi licensed physician. This licensee must meet all requirements below at all times while the facility is in operation. For the purposes of this rule, physicians who collaborate with mid-level providers will be considered an operator of the practice in the context of that collaborative arrangement.
- B. The physician owner/operator of the bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, weight management practice must register with the MSBML using a form prescribed by the board. Certificates of registration once issued are not transferable or assignable. Only the primary physician is required to register with the Board. All licensees associated with the practice, whether in the capacity as the owner or as a practitioner, must be listed on the application and must also meet all regulations governing the treatment of obesity/medical weight loss. Physicians who are added to the registration once a certificate is issued must be reported to the MSBML for approval prior to beginning practice. Physicians who are removed from the registration must be reported to the board within 30 days of removal. Each practice location requires a separate registration certificate.
- C. A bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, or weight management practice may not operate in the state of Mississippi without obtaining a registration certificate from the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.
- D. Certificates are valid for one year and must be renewed annually along with practitioner's license to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi. There is a 30-day grace period for renewal after which the owner/operator must reapply for an original certificate. The clinic may not continue to operate while the certificate is expired.

If a physician's practice is a bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, or weight management practice as defined above or the physician collaborates, manages, oversees, or employs any licensed professional providing comprehensive treatment of obesity, the licensee must have 100 AMA or AOA Category 1 CME in the core-content of bariatric medicine or be currently certified by a board in bariatric medicine. A licensee currently practicing bariatric medicine, medical weight loss or weight management has 24 months from effective date of this regulation to comply with the initial CME requirement. All CME must be obtained within the 24 month period. Reference is made to exclusions noted in Rule 1.2, H.

Licensee must biennially obtain 60 AMA or AOA Category 1 CME in core-content of bariatric medicine before certification can be renewed with the MSBML.

- E. A Medical Spa practice, Wellness practice, or other practice that meets the definition of Bariatric Medicine, Medical Weight Loss, or Weight Management Practice will be subject to all rules pertaining to Bariatric Medicine, Medical Weight Loss, or Weight Management Practice if the facility has a Mississippi licensee affiliated in any manner.

*Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).*



## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to issue a resolution regarding the approval or denial of specific rules submitted for its review:

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW COMMISSION**, that the following rules shall be known to have been approved by the Commission at a duly called meeting of its members on September 10, 2018, and may now be filed as final with the Secretary of State's Office for the inclusion in the Mississippi

Administrative Code:

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.1; Rule 1.1 is being updated to clarify which licensees the rule will affect.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.2; Rule 1.2 is being updated to clarify and define terms used throughout Chapter 1. *Approved as amended to fix a clerical error in Rule 1.2 I. and to add the words 'any licensee' to Rule 1.2 M.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.3; Rule 1.3 is being modified to require registration by licensees to the Prescription Monitoring Program and requirements for review of the PMP reports.

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.4; Rule 1.4 is being modified to require licensees to maintain a records and inventories log and the requirements associated with the logs.  
*Approved as amended to add a reference to the telemedicine Rule 5.5.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.5; Rule 1.5 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the use of diet medication.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.6; Rule 1.6 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding bariatric medicine, medical weight loss and weight management practices.  
*Approved as amended to include ‘medical director’ as a title for the licensed physician associated with a bariatric medicine, medical weight loss, or weight management practice.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.7; Rule 1.7 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the use of controlled substances for chronic pain.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.8; Rule 1.8 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding drug maintenance requirements.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.9; Rule 1.9 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the labeling requirements for dispensing physicians.

- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.10; Rule 1.10 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the controlled substances prescription guidelines.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.11; Rule 1.11 is being modified to clarify the rules regarding the all medications prescription guidelines. *Approved as amended to add a reference to the telemedicine Rule 5.5 to Rule 1.11A.2.*
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.12; Rule 1.12 is being modified to include licensees instead of only physicians in the Freedom of Choice rule.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.13; Rule 1.13 is being deleted and replaced with Rule 1.14.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.14; Rule 1.15 is now Rule 1.14. The rule is being updated to reflect changes in the operation of pain management medical practices.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.15; Rule 1.16 is now Rule 1.15. The rule is being updated with cosmetic changes only.
- Rules of the Board of Medical Licensure, *as amended* – Title 30 Part 2640 Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Rule 1.16; Rule 1.17 is now Rule 1.16. The rule is being updated with cosmetic changes only. *Approved as amended to change the effective date.*