

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The New Mexico Chiropractic Board will hold a rule hearing on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Following the rule hearing the Board will convene a regular board meeting to adopt the rules and take care of regular business. The rule hearing and board meeting will be held at the Regulation and Licensing Department, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for those desiring to attend in person.

The meeting will also be held via Cisco Webex Meetings for those desiring to attend virtually.
<https://nmrld.webex.com/nmrld/onstage/g.php?MTID=e20b777fc5fe957eda566e731c178d904>

Meeting (Access) Code: 2498 767 6281
Join by phone: 1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
Access Code: 2498 767 6281

The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the following rules:

- 16.4.4 NMAC - License Without Examination
- 16.4.22 NMAC - Fees
- 16.4.23 NMAC - Licensure for Military Veterans, Spouses, and Veterans

To obtain and review copies of the proposed changes you may go to the Board's website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/chiropractic-board/cb-laws-rules-and-policies/> or contact the New Mexico Chiropractic Board at (505) 476-4617 or by e-mail at Chiropractic.Board@state.nm.us.

The Board is currently accepting public written comments on the proposed amendments. Please submit written comments on the proposed changes to Martha Gallegos, Senior Board Administrator, via electronic mail to Chiropractic.Board@state.nm.us, or by regular mail at P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504, no later than Friday, December 9, 2022. Written comments received prior to the rule hearing will be posted to the RLD website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/chiropractic-board/cb-board-information/cb-board-meetings/>. Persons will also be given the opportunity to present their written or oral comments at the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the board meeting will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website at <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/chiropractic-board/cb-board-information/cb-board-meetings/>. Copies of the rules or the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Martha Gallegos, Senior Board Administrator at (505) 476-4617.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Martha Gallegos, Senior Board Administrator (505) 476-4617.

Statutory Authority:

The Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, Paragraph (F) of Section 61-4-3, among other provisions, specifically authorizes the Board to "promulgate and file in accordance with the State Rules Act, Chapter 14, Article 4 NMSA 1978, all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act 61-4-1 through 61-4-17 NMSA 1978, including educational requirements for a chiropractic assistant." In addition, Section 61-1-31.1 NMSA 1978 of the Uniform Licensing Act, requires the Board to "determine those states and territories of the United States and District of Columbia from which the board will not accept an applicant for expedited licensure and those foreign countries from which the Board will accept an applicant for expedited licensure."

Purpose of Proposed Rules:

The proposed rules are intended to address recent statutory changes to the Uniform Licensing Act and the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act. See H.B. 191, 56th Leg., Regular Session. (N.M. 2022), available at <https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/22%20Regular/final/HB0191.pdf>.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

The Board summarizes its proposed changes to its administrative rules as follows:

16.4.4 NMAC - Expedited Licensure; Licensure Without Examination

The proposed amendments to this section comply with the statutory changes to the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act and the Uniform Licensing Act for licensure by examination and expedited licensure which includes adding language regarding disapproved licensing jurisdictions and the requirements for expedited licensure.

16.4.22 NMAC - Fees

The proposed amendments to this section adds a new category of fees for expedited licensure.

16.4.23 NMAC - Licensure for Military Veterans, Spouses, and Veterans

The proposed amendments to this section comply with the statutory changes to the Uniform Licensing Act regarding expedited licensure for military service members, spouses, dependents and veterans.