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MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 13, 2025
TO	OMBC Board Members, Osteopathic Medical Board of California
FROM	Terri Thorfinnson, J.D. Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
RE:	Agenda Item 13 -- Rulemaking Update – 2025 Rulemaking for Pending or Proposed Regulations

Rulemaking Update Summary

The [CME/Audit and Cite and Fine](#) package that was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) July 10, 2025 became effective October 1, 2025. This rulemaking package is completed.

The Board has two additional regulatory packages moving along in the rulemaking process. The Fees and License Status rulemaking documents are still pending review within DCA. This rulemaking package is being considered at this meeting to approve revised, stripped-down language that focuses on the fees and not updating the various regulatory sections that need updating. The updating has proven more complex and is holding up simply updating the fees from moving through the process. This version has removed the draft regulatory section updates and focuses on the fees and new items with fees and applications.

After the Board reviews and approves this revised proposed language, it still needs Budgets, and the Regulatory Attorney staff must sign-off and then it goes to the DCA Director for review and approval. The Board must receive approval from DCA and Agency before it can be submitted to OAL for post for 45-day comment period.

The Disciplinary Guidelines are in the initial stages. Preliminary draft of the proposed language was reviewed by Regulatory Counsel and that draft is being reviewed and further revised. OMBC staff has been working closely with the Regulatory Attorney to revise and finalize the proposed language. This process has taken longer than expected and is continuing. The Board staff is trying to anticipate as many of the changes needed upfront before the Enforcement Committee and Board review it. It is anticipated that more input and revisions will be made over the next two months in preparation for the Board to review in the January board meeting in 2026. This is another large rulemaking package that is complex because it is creating a new Disciplinary Guidelines document that has not been amended since 1996.

Rulemaking Status: Fees and License Status

<i>Concept/ Draft language</i>	<i>DCA pre-review</i>	<i>Board approval of Language</i>	<i>Draft Regulatory documents/ review</i>	<i>DCA Director Approval</i>	<i>Agency Approval</i>	<i>DOF Approval</i>	<i>Filing regulatory package with OAL</i>
1/1/2024	2/1/24,2/15/24 2/28/24, 4/12/24, 4/12/24,5/9/24, 6/5/24,7/10/24, 7/22/24, 7/26/24	8/15/2024, November 13, 2025	8/16/2024, 7/8/2025, budget approval pending				
<i>45-day comment period</i>	<i>Board Respond to comments</i>	<i>Final review with Regulatory Attorney</i>	<i>Submit to DCA Director, OAL for approval</i>	<i>OAL approval or denial</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>		

Rulemaking Status: Disciplinary Guidelines

<i>Concept/ Draft language</i>	<i>DCA pre-review</i>	<i>Board approval of Language</i>	<i>Draft Regulatory documents/ review</i>	<i>DCA Director Approval</i>	<i>Agency Approval</i>	<i>DOF Approval</i>	<i>Filing regulatory package with OAL</i>
1/31/2020	9/19/23, 10/9/23, 11/16/23, 3/8/24, 4/16/24, pending						
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