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MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 22, 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 – 2026 Rulemaking for Pending or Proposed Regulations

Rulemaking Update Summary

The Board has two 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 split into two separate rule making packages: fees only that was approved by the Board at the November 13, 2025, Board meeting and the rest of the language that updates other regulatory sections. The fees' rulemaking package is the one moving forward with the Board approved language. The new rulemaking package made up of regulatory updates for other sections will be put together to be reviewed by the Board at a later date. The fees' rulemaking package is the priority for meeting the deadlines for the Oversight Report, which the Board will review and approve the fall 2026.

The Disciplinary Guidelines rulemaking package and language is 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 in the coming months and once staff finishes its revisions, then the document will be presented to the Enforcement Committee of the Board for further review and input. After the Enforcement Committee finishes their review, it will go back to DCA for further review. The soonest this rulemaking package could go to the Board for their review is the May 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 and includes the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

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, Legal and Budgets review and 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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