



# Oregon

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## Medical Board

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Oregon Legislative Assembly  
VIA E-MAIL

Re: ORS 183.403 Report from the Oregon Medical Board

Dear Legislators:

The Oregon Medical Board (“Board”) is pleased to submit this executive summary as required in ORS 183.403. In calendar year 2022, the Board adopted, amended, repealed or suspended rules as described below.

**The Board has taken the following rulemaking actions under ORS 183.335(2) and (3):**

- Adopted 7 rule
- Amended 64 rules
- Repealed 3 rules

**The Board has taken the following temporary rulemaking actions under ORS 183.335(5). The required information on these rulemaking actions is available in the report on our website.**

- Adopted 0 rule
- Amended 1 rule
- Suspended 0 rules

Thank you for your review of the Board’s rulemaking activity. This report is available on our website at <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/statutesrules/Pages/Statutes-Rules-Overview.aspx>.

Respectfully,

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cc: Brett Hanes, Legislative Administrator  
Erin Cramer, PA-C, Chair, Oregon Medical Board  
Nicole Krishnaswami, Executive Director, Oregon Medical Board

**Oregon Medical Board**  
**Administrative Rules Annual Report**  
**HB 4106 (2016 Session)**

Report contains rules filed during calendar year January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022

**Rules Adopted, Amended, or Repealed [ORS 183.335(2) and (3)]**

Adopted	7
Amended	64
Repealed	3

**Temporary Rules Adopted, Amended, or Suspended [ORS 183.335(5)]**

Adopted	0
Amended	1
Suspended	0

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Amend

**Statement of Need**

Since March 8, 2020, Oregon has been under a Governor-declared emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This provision allowed the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to issue over 900 temporary authorizations for out of state physicians (MD/DO/DPM) and physician assistants (PA) to provide care to patients located in Oregon. The temporary authorizations expire when the declared emergency ends. Over the last two years, Oregon patients and health systems have relied upon these temporary authorizations during this challenging environment. There are currently about 750 physicians and PAs with an active temporary authorization; however, the OMB does not have data on how many or to what extent these providers are actually practicing in Oregon. To provide a transition period once the declared emergency ends, the temporary rule is needed to automatically grant a 90-day limited license to physicians and PAs who held a temporary authorization. The temporary rule is needed to assist with the state's recovery period and provides time for providers to apply for Oregon licensure.

**Justification**

The OMB finds that failure to act promptly will result in serious prejudice to the public interest, healthcare providers, and patients seeking and relying on health care in Oregon by potentially eliminating about 750 physicians and PAs from practice in Oregon. The OMB needs to adopt this temporary rule promptly to assist with the state's recovery efforts and allow time to transition providers to Oregon licensure. The OMB is taking this action to provide an additional 90 days for these providers to continue providing care to Oregon patients.