

# Georgia Composite Medical Board

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND/OR ADOPT RULES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules by amending **Rule 360-27-.02 "Declaration of Patients' Rights."** An exact copy of the proposed rule is attached to this Notice.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rules and a synopsis of the proposed amendments may be reviewed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official state holidays, at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. These documents can also be reviewed online at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/board/notice-intent-amendadopt-rules>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m. on April 27, 2023, via TEAMS** to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rules. At the public hearing, any interested person may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument orally or in writing. Lengthy statements and statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. To ensure their consideration, submit all written comments by **April 20, 2023, to [Kierra.Battle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:Kierra.Battle@dch.ga.gov)** or via mail to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules Committee at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **March 2, 2023**. Upon conclusion of the public hearing on **April 27, 2023**, the Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments imposes excessive regulatory costs on any license or entity, and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that accomplishes the objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule. Additionally, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D).

This Notice is adopted and posted in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act. A synopsis of the proposed rules and an economic impact statement are attached to this Notice. The authority for promulgation of these rules is O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-34-5, 43-34-103, and 43-34-108.

Issued this day March 2, 2023.

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## ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR

### RULE CHAPTER 360-27

### PATIENT'S RIGHTS

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The attached rules are promulgated under the authority of the Medical Practice Act, Title 43, Chapter 34. The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses and regulates nine professions. The formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D).

#### **RULE SYNOPSIS:**

##### **Rule 360-27-.02 “Declaration of Patients’ Rights”**

**Purpose/Main Features:** The purpose of the proposed amendment is to change the Board’s physical and mailing address listed in the rule for complaint/grievance submission. The amendment also contains minor punctuation edits.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-24, 43-34A-6

## Rule 360-27-.02 Declaration of Patients' Rights

(1) Physicians are required to post a declaration of the patient's rights to file a grievance with the Board concerning a physician, staff, office or treatment received.

(2) The declaration shall contain the following language with no alterations, deletions or additions: The patient has the right to file a grievance with the Georgia Composite Medical Board, concerning the physician, staff, office and treatment received. The patient should send a written complaint to the board. The patient should be able to provide the physician or practice name, the address and the specific nature of the complaint. Complaints or grievances may be reported to the Board at the following address or telephone number:

Georgia Composite Medical Board

Attn: ~~Complaints Unit~~

~~2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE No. 2 Peachtree Street, N.W. 36th Floor~~

~~11th floor, East Tower~~

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(3) The declaration shall be prominently displayed in a sign that is 8 1/2 inches × 11 inches in type that is no smaller than 24-point Times Roman print in black on white background. It shall be displayed in the physician's waiting room in an area that is not obstructed and can be easily viewed by patients.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-24, 43-34A-6**