

Georgia Composite Medical Board

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND 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 360-31-.01. "Applications"** (Orthotists and Prosthetists) 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 <http://medicalboard.georgia.gov/notice-intent-amendadopt-rules>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m.** on **January 6, 2022, 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 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. To ensure their consideration, submit all written comments by **January 5, 2022, to pwhite@dch.ga.gov** via mail to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules Committee at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **December 2, 2021**. Upon conclusion of the public hearing on **January 6, 2022**, 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 August 6, 2021.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR
**Rule 360-31-.01 "Applications" (Orthotists and
Prosthetists)**

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 360-31-.01 "Applications" (Orthotists and Prosthetists)

Purpose/Main Features: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify who may provide references as part of an application for licensure as a orthotist or prosthetist

Authority OCGA Sec. 43-34-5, 43-34-194, and 43-34-195

Rule 360-31-.01. Applications

- (1) The application form shall be completed according to the instructions provided in the application.
- (2) Applicants must submit three reference forms per discipline. References shall be valid for up to six (6) months from the date of signature. If the application is not approved during the six-month period, the Board may require a new and more current reference.
 - (a) One reference form must be from a referral source per discipline from a physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or case manager.
 - (b) Two references per discipline may be provided by patients. Orthotic references cannot be from patients with custom shoes, foot orthotics, and/or knee braces.
 - (c) References from vendors will not be accepted.
- (3) Applications must be complete, including all required documentation, signatures and seals. Application files are not considered completed until all required information, documentation and fees have been received by the Board. No application will be considered by the Board until the application is complete.
- (4) Applicants shall inform the Board in writing within 10 days of a change of address while an application is pending.
- (5) Application fees are nonrefundable.
- (6) Deposit of an application fee by the Board does not indicate acceptance of the application or that any other licensing requirements have been fulfilled.
- (7) Incomplete applications that have been on file with the Board for more than one year shall be deemed invalid. No further action will take place on applications that have been incomplete for more than a year until a new application is received in accordance with the provisions of this chapter with the appropriate application fee.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 360-31-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-34-5, 43-34-194, 43-34-195, 43-34-196, 43-34-202.