

2002 Press Releases

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Chapter 180, Rehabilitation Orders: Rule review, no amendments. Chapter 183, Acupuncture: Amendments to §§183.4 and 183.20 regarding evaluating

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Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines: Amendment to §190.1 regarding clarification of the definition of practice inconsistent with public health and welfare and general clean-up of the section.

Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders: Proposed new §§193.11 and 193.12 regarding the use of lasers. Action was deferred until the October 3-5 Board meeting.

Proposed Rule Changes

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