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Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Agency is encouraged to use as much space as will adequately answer all questions. A PDF version of this executed Form must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule:
73-43-11	N/A

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: The new CME requirement will help the prescribers of prescription drugs have a better understanding which drugs they need to prescribe correctly in order to reduce the increase of prescription drug use and help to spot patients who may be forming addiction.

2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: This will help the Licensees of this Board maintain competence and learn about new and developing areas of prescription drugs by learning to better screen patients for risk factors to identify those at greater risk for abuse.

3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: Lack of training in the prescribing of drugs of abuse is a barrier to reducing medication abuse. According to the CDC, opioid analgesics were implicated in more than 15,000 overdose deaths in 2009, four times the number they were involved in a decade prior.

4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on State or local revenues: A minimal cost to the agency and no cost to other state or local government entities.

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: A moderate cost to persons affected. A substantial economic benefit.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: A very minimal impact on small business.

a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: unknown
b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: Unknown
c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: The proposed actions require ownership by Mississippi licensed physicians.
d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
    i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
    iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
    v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: N/A

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: The cost would be the same.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: None
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: N/A
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: N/A

SIGNATURE Rhonda Freeman	TITLE Bureau Director
DATE 10/03/2012	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days from final filing.