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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 Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A **PDF** document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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EMAIL Bob.fagan@msdh.state.ms.us	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Section 73-24-13	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rule 8.1.13 (10, 11, 13), Rule 8.2.2, Rule 8.4.5 (1 & 4), Rule 8.4.6 (3 & 4), Rule 8.5.2, Rule 7.6.2 (3), Rule 8.7.1, Rule 8.7.2 (1), Rule 8.7.4 (1c, 2, & 6), Rule 8.9.2, Rule 8.10.2 (1& 2), and Rule 8.12.2 (7)	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Deputy State Health Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
DATE 5/29/14	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days after final filing

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:

The proposed rule is necessary to eliminate unnecessary wording or Rule, add sources of continuing education, technical amendments, and correction of scrivener's errors.

2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:

The proposed rule is will be of benefit because it will eliminate unnecessary wording or Rule, add sources of continuing education, technical amendments, and correction of scrivener's errors.

3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

There will be no overall effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mississippi.

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:

There will be no additional cost to other state or local government entities. There will be no increase in paper work and no effect on state or local revenues.

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

There will be no cost or economic benefit.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: See 5 above.

- a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:

None

- 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:

None

- c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses:

None

- 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:

There are no less intrusive methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

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 to providers will not be significantly different if the proposed rule is not adopted.

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:

It has been determined that there are no less costly methods for the achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:

There are no other reasonable alternative methods.

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:

The Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure statute and regulations were thoroughly reviewed. Input on proposed amendments were presented to, discussed with, and voted on by the MSDH Occupational Therapist Advisory Council.