



NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an “announcement” that the agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. Many times an agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING**ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

[R16-157]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 4, Professions and Occupations
Chapter and its heading: 17, Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants
Article and its heading: 1, General Provisions
2, Physician Assistant Licensure
3, Duties of the Executive Director
Section numbers: Table 1, R4-17-202 through R4-17-206, and R4-17-301 through R4-17-306 (*Additional Sections may be made, amended, or repealed as needed*).
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**

The rules are being amended in response to four significant factors: A five-year-review report approved by the Council on June 2, 2015; Laws 2015, Chapter 84; Laws 2015, Chapter 46; and the decision by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants to move to a 10-year rather than six-year renewal cycle of certification.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

None
- 4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**

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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

The Board will accept comments during business hours at the address listed in item 4. Information regarding an oral proceeding will be included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**

To be determined