

EXHIBIT G

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations for Massage Therapy in Arkansas

DESCRIPTION: The Cosmetology and Massage Therapy Section of the Department of Health propose the following amendment to the Massage Therapy Rules and Regulations to add Cupping Therapy pursuant to Act 530 of 2017. Cupping Therapy is a modality used to release rigid soft tissues, through the application of a non-heated device that creates suction to lift the tissue away from the body.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: A public hearing was held on September 22, 2017. The public comment period expired on September 22, 2017. The Department received no public comments.

The proposed effective date is January 1, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: This revision to the rules and regulations for massage therapy is the result of Act 530 of 2017, sponsored by Representative Fredrick Love. Act 530, which is codified at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-86-102(3)(C) and 17-102-311(c), added the practice of cupping to the scope of massage therapy. Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-86-203(a)(1) gives the State Board of Health general authority to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules related to massage therapy.

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.
- B. Please answer each question completely using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.
- D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

Donna K. Davis
Administrative Rules Review Section
Arkansas Legislative Council
Bureau of Legislative Research
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

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1. What is the short title of this rule? Rules and Regulations for Massage Therapy in Arkansas
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? Massage Therapy-Cupping Rule Revision to update language to mirror Act 530 of 2017
3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No
 If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. _____
4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No
 If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? _____
 When does the emergency rule expire? _____

Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act?

Yes No

5. Is this a new rule? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the regulation. _____

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does. _____

Is this an amendment to an existing rule?

Yes No

If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation. Act 530 of 2017, codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 17-86-102 (3) et seq.

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary? To revise the Rules to mirror Act 530 of 2017 and to add the practice of cupping to the scope of massage therapy.

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b). www.healthy.arkansas.gov

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: September 22, 2017

Time: 9 A.M.

Place: Freeway Medical Center, 5800 W 10th
St. Suite 801, Little Rock, AR 72204

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

September 22, 2017

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

January 1, 2019, or upon legislative review and approval.

12. Do you expect this rule to be controversial? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

13. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you expect to comment on these rules?

Please provide their position (for or against) if known.

Massage Therapists, in favor of the change

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

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DIVISION Health Systems Licensing and Regulation/Cosmetology and Massage Therapy Section
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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Rules and Regulations for Massage Therapy of Arkansas

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes No
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes No
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes No

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

- (a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

- (b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

- (c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

- (d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

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4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

- (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue 0
Federal Funds 0
Cash Funds 0
Special Revenue 0
Other (Identify) 0

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue 0
Federal Funds 0
Cash Funds 0
Special Revenue 0
Other (Identify) 0

Total 0

Total 0

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue 0
Federal Funds 0
Cash Funds 0
Special Revenue 0
Other (Identify) 0

Total 0

General Revenue 0
Federal Funds 0
Cash Funds 0
Special Revenue 0
Other (Identify) 0

Total 0

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 0

\$ 0

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 0

\$ 0

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

(1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;

(2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;

(3) a description of the factual evidence that:

(a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and

- (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
 - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
 - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
 - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

**Arkansas Department of Health
Proposed Rules and Regulations for Massage Therapy in Arkansas
Public Comments Received**

A public hearing was conducted September 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room #2508 of the Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas. No oral comments were received during the hearing.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MASSAGE THERAPY RULES

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