

Occupational Authorizations

EXHIBIT C3

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Arkansas State Board of Podiatric Medicine

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: ADH - Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine

Scope of Practice: Podiatric Medicine means the diagnosis and medical, mechanical, and surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot and ankle; and a Podiatrist means a physician legally licensed to practice podiatric medicine.

Statutory Requirement(s): 17-96-101; CMS also requires physicians/healthcare practitioners eligible for Medicare payment should be licensed by the state in which they provide services (R141PI). See CMS.gov for additional details.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Arkansas State Exam	\$5.00	Once
Fee	Initial License Application Fee	\$10.00	Once
Fee	License Renewal Fee	\$4.00	Annually

Administrative Rules Documents

Document Type	Document
Rules	Podiatry_Rules_Clean_2022.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee
Occupational Entity Questionnaire
Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year?

Yes, consumers would be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization. Podiatry is a health and medical profession that requires years of academia and residency to be able to fully help individuals with podiatric care. No instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year by unauthorized individuals.

2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?

No complaints were received regarding unauthorized practitioners in the past year.

3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?

Eight complaints were made by consumers on authorized practitioners. Actions are pending review at the next board meeting.

4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? If so, why?

No applicants were denied in the past year. Applicants are made aware of the requirements for licensure. If the applicant meets all requirements and standards of the rules for licensure of the Board, the applicant receives a license.

5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves?

\$7200.00 collected in FY23. Expenses vary; currently forecasted at \$6000. Revenue balance is a little over \$262,000.00. This annual collection will be reduced by the decrease in licensing and renewal fees.

ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee
Occupational Entity Questionnaire

6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? For what purpose?

July 2023 to pay for Administrative Services Fee and Cyber Insurance.

7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded?

No other sources of revenue exist for this Board. Authorization fees related to licensing and renewals have been reduced effective July 1, 2023. No underfunding is noted due to this reduction.

8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities?

Unknown; N/A- the National testing for this license is completed by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners that requires a passing score on the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination on Part I, II, and III.

9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships?

N/A- Applicants cannot complete non-traditional education or apprenticeships to receive this type of occupational authorization.

10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders?

Licensure at the state level ensures a podiatrist practicing in the State of Arkansas has meet all educational and testing standards required to treat consumes in the state properly. If the state removed the occupational authorization, the practitioners of this state would no longer be eligible for Medicare and subsequent health insurance programs payments. They must be licensed/registered in the state in which they provide service per CMS.