

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to continuing education for massage therapists

The Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing hereby amends Chapter 823, “Continuing Education for Massage Therapists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 152C and 272C.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 152C and 272C.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking implements Iowa Code chapter 152C and Iowa Code section 272C.2 as amended by 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686. Chapter 823 sets forth continuing education and training requirements for massage therapists. The intended benefit of this chapter is to ensure that licensees maintain up-to-date practice standards and, as a result, provide high-quality services to Iowans. The Board of Massage Therapy reviewed the continuing education requirements in the fall of 2023 pursuant to Executive Order 10. Subrule 823.2(4) is being amended to comply with the statutory changes from 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2686, allowing a licensee to carry over up to 50 percent of excess completed continuing education hours from the previous renewal cycle. This rulemaking grants massage therapists the ability to carry over up to 8 hours of continuing education earned in excess of the 16 hours required every two years.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 8, 2025, as **ARC 8790C**. Public comments were received in support of the rulemaking. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Board on March 4, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 481—Chapter 6.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The

Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on May 21, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 823.2(4) as follows:

823.2(4) ~~No hours of continuing education will be carried over into the next renewal period.~~ Licensees who complete continuing education hours in excess of the requirements for renewal may apply up to 50 percent of the required hours to the following renewal period. Licensees may apply a maximum of eight hours from the previous renewal period. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation.

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