

**Annual List of Rulemaking Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5*

**Agency name:** Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,  
**Board of Osteopathic Licensure**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **02-383**  
**Statutory authority:** 32 MRS §§ 2562, 2600-AA, 2600-EE  
**Chapter numbers/titles:** **Ch. 11**, Joint Rule Regarding Telehealth Standards of Practice  
**Filing numbers:** **2022-141**  
**Effective date:** 7/24/2022  
**Type of rules:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rules:**

On June 21, 2021, Public Law Chapter 291, “An Act regarding Telehealth Regulations”, because law following emergency enactment. The law required licensing boards, including the Board of Licensure in Medicine (BOLIM), Board of Osteopathic Licensure (BOL), and State Board of Nursing (BON), to adopt rules governing telehealth services by their licensees, to include “standards of practice and appropriate restrictions”.

**Basis statement:**

The Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, and the State Board of Nursing (Boards) were created by the Legislature with the sole purpose of protecting the public. 10 MRS §8008 provides:

**§8008. Purpose of occupational and professional regulatory boards**

**The sole purpose of an occupational and professional regulatory board is to protect the public health and welfare.** A board carries out this purpose by ensuring that the public is served by competent and honest practitioners and by establishing minimum standards of proficiency in the regulated professions by examining, licensing, regulating and disciplining practitioners of those regulated professions. **Other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose.**

It is with this purpose in mind that the Boards approach the current rulemaking regarding Chapter 11.

**Fiscal impact of rules:**

Minimal

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**Statutory authority:** 32 MRS §§ 2562, 2600-C, 2600-EE  
**Chapter numbers/titles:** **Ch. 12**, Joint Rule Regarding Office Based Treatment of  
Opioid Use Disorder  
**Filing numbers:** **2022-144**  
**Effective date:** 7/24/2022  
**Type of rules:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rules:**

To amend an existing joint rule to update the definition of telemedicine to telehealth to comport with the definition in PL 2021 ch. 291, “An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations”.

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It is with this purpose in mind that the Boards approach the current rulemaking regarding Chapter 12.

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