

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

These rules affect anyone who holds or wishes to apply for a license in a health care profession for which the professionals' health program is available, anyone holding a license in a profession regulated by a board, commission, or council supported by the OPLC who needs a letter of good standing or other verification of licensure status, and anyone who manufactures, installs, or purchases manufactured housing.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	State Statutes Implemented
Plc 1001.08, 1001.14, 1001.15	RSA 310-A:1-e
Plc 1001.16	RSA 310-A:1-e; RSA 205-D:17

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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The rules can be reviewed on-line at
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/oplc-laws-and-rules>

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **4:00 PM on Friday, April 15, 2022**

Please submit comments to OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM**

Place: **Hearing Room, Office of Professional Licensure & Certification,
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 22:021, dated 02/25/2022

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

When compared to the existing rules, the proposed rules will increase State revenues and increase costs to certain State citizens and employers including independently owned businesses.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

The proposed rule changes the cost for professional's health program fee from \$20 per initial or renewal licenses for 2-year and 3-year licenses to \$28 for 2-year licenses and \$42 for 3-year licenses. Currently, there are 67,292 licenses that pay the professional's health program fee. Multiplying the number of licenses by the new rate minus the old rate would result in an estimated annual increase in revenue to the office of professional licensure and certification (OPLC) fund in the amount of \$269,168. Additionally, the proposed rules establish a \$10 fee for Letter of Good Standing or other verification of licensure status, as well as a \$50 fee for manufactured housing installation warranty seal. OPLC does not have information on the number of Letters of Good Standing/other verifications issued. However, they were able to provide that approximately 359 warranty seals were issued in 2021. If this same number of warranty seals is issued in 2022 it would increase revenue by \$17,950.

A. To State general or State special funds:

There will be no direct impact on the State general fund, however after paying all costs and salaries associated with the Office, any remaining balance in the fund lapses to the general fund at the close of each biennium. There will be additional revenue to the office of professional licensure and certification fund from the proposed certification and renewal fees.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

There would be an increase in costs to State citizens to the extent they are subject to a professionals' health program fee or are obtaining a manufactured housing installation warranty seal. There is no impact to political subdivisions.

C. To independently owned businesses:

There would be a cost to independently owned businesses who pay for their employee's professional's health program fee. There would also be a cost if a business obtains a manufactured housing installation warranty seal and/or a letter of good standing/other verification.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The rules do not apply to political subdivisions. The rules thus do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures and so do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.