

Extension of Public Comment Period for Health Care Practitioner Credentialing Rulemaking

As a result of public input and request, the Oregon Health Authority is extending the written comment period to OCTOBER 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

BACKGROUND: The public comment period for the Common Credentialing Notice of Proposed Rules originally opened on August 1, 2017. The proposed rules had a disclaimer that included two items labeled as temporary or subject to change – the treatment of “health systems” and the operational date of the program. A hearing was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 and written comments were received through August 18, 2017. The Authority received input from several stakeholders during the public comment period asking for further discussion on the treatment of “health systems” in particular, before final regulations are adopted by the Authority.

As a result, the Authority is extending the public comment period through October 30, 2017, 5:00 pm and will hold an additional Rules Advisory Committee meeting on October 25, 2107 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Below are details on how to provide public comment and the October 25th RAC meeting. The RAC agenda and latest draft of the rule will be posted to the [HPA rules website](#) and [OHA Public meetings calendar](#) by 5:00 PM on October 16, 2017.

Written comment period has been extended to October 30, 2017, 5:00 pm. Please email or mail written comments to:

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Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Lincoln Building
Transformation Training Room (7th floor)
421 SW Oak Street, Suite 775
Portland, Oregon 97204

Or join by phone at: 1-888-808-6929, Participant code: 247-4583 (#)

Mobile-friendly link: 1-888-808-6929, 2474583#

The purpose of the RAC meeting is to gain further input and advice from the RAC relating to comments that have been received thus far in the formal rulemaking process and to allow for a transparent process in reviewing staff’s latest version of the rule text. Members of the public are welcome to attend the RAC, and time will be set aside at the end of the meeting for public comment.

As previously stated, the RAC agenda and latest draft of the rule will be posted to the [HPA rules website](#) and [OHA Public meetings calendar](#) by 5:00 PM on October 16, 2017. Final rules will be filed on or before January 1, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: The RAC meeting is not a rulemaking hearing. In order for your comments to be considered into the formal rulemaking record, they must be received in writing, addressed to the HPA Rules Coordinator, as indicated above on or before the comment period closes on October 30, 2017. This is to ensure that the RAC's role as an advisor to the Authority is separate from formal testimony that the Authority must consider and respond to in the Hearing Officer's Report.

For more details, please see [OAR 409-045 Notice of Rulemaking, Statement of Need, and Proposed Rule Text](#) (pdf).

Questions or requests for a hardcopy may be sent to zarie.haverkate@dhsoha.state.or.us.