

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling

Rule No. 405-X-3

Rule Title: Continuing Education

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? No

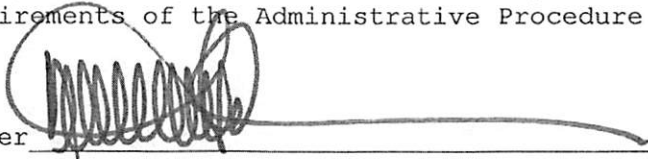
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 405-X-3 Continuing Education

INTENDED ACTION: New

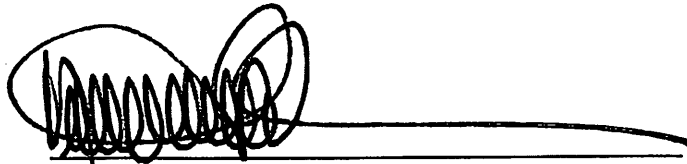
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The board proposes to define the continuing education for licensed genetic counselors and the outline the proof of compliance of continuing education hours.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*, 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@alstateboard.com or via telephone at 334-269-9990.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, December 4, 2020.

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NEW
CHAPTER 405-X-3
CONTINUING EDUCATION

405-X-3-.01 Continuing Education Requirements.

1. Licensed genetic counselors must comply with the following continuing education rules as a prerequisite to licensure renewal.
2. For each 12-month period an individual holds a genetic counselor license, the genetic counselor must complete 1.25 continuing education units (category 1 or 2) or twelve and one half (12.5) contact hours approved for recertification purposes by the ABGC prior to renewing the license.
3. The Board may waive or otherwise modify the requirements of this rule in cases where there is retirement, or an illness, disability or other undue hardship that prevents a licensee from obtaining the requisite number of continuing education hours. Requests for waivers or modification must be sent in writing to the Board's administrative office prior to the expiration of the renewal period in which the continuing education is due.

Author: Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-13A-3, et seq.
History: New Rule: Filed October 20, 2020.

405-X-3-.02 Proof of Compliance with Continuing Education Requirement.

1. Submission of proof of compliance with continuing education requirements must be sent along with the renewal application.
2. Genetic counselors must retain independent documentation of completion of all continuing education hours. This documentation must be retained for a period of four (4) years from the end of the renewal period in which the continuing education was acquired. This documentation must be produced for inspection and verification, if requested in writing by the Board during its verification process. Documentation verifying the licensed individual's completion of the continuing education program(s) may consist of any one or more of the following:
 - a. Certificates from the continuing education program's sponsor, indicating the date, length in minutes awarded, program title, licensed individual's name and license number; or
 - b. An original letter on official stationery from the continuing education program's sponsor indicating date, length in minutes awarded, program title, licensed individual's name and license number.
3. If a person submits documentation for continuing education that is not clearly identifiable as appropriate continuing education, the Board will request a written description of the education and how it applies to the practice of genetic counseling.

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