

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

[as required by 75 O.S., Section 303(D)]

TITLE 540. HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE TRAINING COMMISSION CHAPTER 50. OKLAHOMA MEDICAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULES:

The Health Care Workforce Training Commission proposes revising its rules relating to the Medical Loan Repayment Program. These rule changes will make the rules comply with current statute. Recent statutory changes expanded the scope of the program to include certified nurse practitioners and to apply to general surgery. (H.B. 1696, 59th Leg., 2d Reg. Sess. (Okla. 2024), codified at 63 O.S., §§ 1-2721 and 1-2722).

B. CLASS OF PERSON(S) AFFECTED (CLASS BEARING COST OF RULES):

The proposed changes will affect program participants and benefit a greater segment of rural communities through the Medical Loan Repayment Program.

C. CLASS OF PERSON(S) BENEFITED BY PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed changes will benefit certified nurse practitioners and rural communities seeking assistance through the Nursing Loan Repayment Program. The proposed changes will also benefit physician participants specializing in general surgery and rural communities seeking assistance through the Physician Loan Repayment Program.

D. DESCRIPTION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT UPON AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

There will be no financial impact because of these rule changes. The proposed changes are to align HWTC programs, providing consistent practices in aiding in recruiting providers across rural Oklahoma, and meeting the changes in demand for rural providers.

E. COST TO AGENCY, EFFECT ON STATE, INCLUDING A PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN SUCH REVENUES:

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule changes at this time.

F. ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES WILL HAVE ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND WHETHER THE IMPLEMENTATION WILL REQUIRE THE SUBDIVISION'S COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE RULES:

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule changes at this time.

G. IMPACT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES WILL HAVE ADVERSELY ON SMALL BUSINESSES AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small businesses as a result of the proposed rule changes at this time.

H. LESS COSTLY OR INTRUSIVE METHODS:

N/A

I. IMPACT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:

The agency anticipates a positive impact on public health, safety, or environment because of implementation of the proposed rule changes due to the potential increase in additional healthcare providers for rural Oklahoma with these changes.

J. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE RULES ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED:

The agency does not anticipate a detrimental effect on public health, safety, and environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule changes and program at this time.

K. DATE PREPARED: December 2, 2024

L. DATE MODIFIED: N/A