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**NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: WV BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE TITLE NUMBER: 32

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY 30-35-7(a)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES \_\_\_ NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 5

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 31, 1997 AT 12:00 NOON. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

W.V. BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE  
P.O. Box 252  
HUNTINGTON WV 25707-0252

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

Dr. Darrell E. Samples Secretary  
Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE  
(PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE)  
POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY

The purpose of this rule is to clarify the scope of practice to include point puncture therapy procedures which are used in Oriental Medicine. This rule explains the definition of oriental medicine therapies 30-35-2 (a) 5.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE  
(PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE)  
POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY

This rule is being proposed in order to define therapeutic procedures which are commonly used in oriental medicine. The explanation of the scope of practice in this rule defines point puncture as the injection of micro amounts of sterile solutions.

The rule also defines the solutions which are commonly used.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY  
 Type of Rule:  Legislative  Interpretive  Procedural  
 Agency: WV BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE  
 Address: P.O. Box 252  
HUNTINGTON WV 25707-0252  
DR. DARRELL E. SAMPLES  
304 529-9355

1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
PERSONAL SERVICES					
CURRENT EXPENSE					
REPAIRS & ALTERNATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					

2. Explanation of above estimates:

THERE IS NO EXPENSE INVOLVED IN THIS RULE

3. Objectives of these rules:

TO CLARIFY SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Rule Title: POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

NONE

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific groups of Citizens.

NONE

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

NONE

Date: June 25, 1997

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Dr. Darrell J. Samples, Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE  
(PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE)  
POINT PUNCTURE THERAPY

32-5-1 GENERAL:

1.1 Point puncture therapy is within the scope of practice as defined by oriental medical therapies.

1.2 Authority- 30-35-7 (a)

1.3 Filing Date-

1.4 Effective Date-

32-5-2 Point Puncture

2.1 Practitioners licensed by the WVBOA will have the right to perform point puncture therapy. This therapy is the micro-injection of sterile solutions into acupuncture points. These solutions are used at specific acupuncture points to induce therapeutic and physiologic action.

2.2 Sterile solutions include but are not limited to,

1. Glucose solution
2. Normal saline
3. Ringer's solution
4. Distilled water
5. Homeopathic medicines
6. Herbal preparations
7. Vitamin preparations