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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: L

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 6

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND
ELECTROACUPUNCTURE

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)
ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND ELECTROACUPUNCTURE

The electrodiagnosis in practice explains the definition within the scope of practice (30-35-2 (b) 3). This rule outlines the general scope of electrodiagnosis and electroacupuncture according to Voll (EAV).

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
(PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE)
ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND ELECTROACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture physicians are primary care practitioners who specialize in the use of Oriental Medical therapeutic methods.

Acupuncture physicians use conventional and traditional methods of diagnosis and treatment. Some traditional methods have been vigorously criticized for being unscientific. The Acupuncture colleges and the profession have done much work developing and collecting the empirical, scientific and verifiable data supporting our practices.

This equipment measures the amount of current, by voltage or amperage between a ground that the patient holds and a testing probe at an Electrodiagnosis point (an acupuncture point).

There are three levels of electro-diagnosis:

- a. Meridian testing: Readings are interpreted in indicate strength of specific meridians, organ strength or physiologic function.

- b. Remedy testing: Variations in readings are interpreted when remedies are given to the patient either orally, to hold or put on a "testing plate" which is in a circuit with the electrodiagnostic equipment. Interpretations may include enviromental sensitivities, nutritional enhancement, or improved physiologic function.

- c. Energy medicines: Electrodiagnostic equipment interprets information and manufactures an energy medicine which is given to the patient to take orally.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND ELECTROACUPUNCTURE
 Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural
 Agency: WV BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
 Address: P.O. Box 252
HUNTINGTON WV 25707-0252
DR. DARRELL E. SAMPLES
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1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</u>	\$ 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: ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND ELECTROACUPUNCTURE

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 E. Samples, Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
(PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE)
ELECTRODIAGNOSIS AND ELECTROACUPUNCTURE

32-6-1 GENERAL:

1.1 Scope-Electrodiagnosis and Electroacupuncture according to Voll (EAV) are within the scope of practice as defined by oriental medical therapies (30-35-1 (a) 5) and electrical therapies (30-35-1 (b) 3).

1.2 Authority- 30-35-7 (a)

1.3 Filing Date-

1.4 Effective Date-

32-6-2 Electrodiagnosis

2.1 It is appropriate that the Acupuncture Physician pursue scientific and clinical research regarding the reproducibility and reliability of electroacupuncture and electrodiagnosis.

2.1 WVBOA licensed practitioners provide appropriate informed consent forms to be read and signed by their patients or guardians who receive electrodiagnosis or EAV.

2.3 ElectroAcupuncture according to Voll (EAV) equipment can be used for both diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, including but not limited to pain management, physiologic function and meridian therapy.

2.4 Electrodiagnosis is an acceptable form of oriental medical therapy.