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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF LICENSED DIETITIANS TITLE NUMBER: 31

RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE CITE AUTHORITY: W. VA. CODE 30-35-4.

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

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 AUGUST 2, 2000 AT 5:00 PM ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

BOARD OF LICENSED DIETITIANS

54 TWIN VIEW LANE

HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

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


Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS PROPOSED RULE

W. Va. Code §§30-35 established the West Virginia Board of Licensed Dietitians (Board). The legislature subsequently approved regulations that included the Board's code of professional ethics, continuing education and standards examination and licensure and renewal requirements. The Office of the Legislative Auditor conducted a performance review of the Board in 1999 and made several suggestions. The Board has re-written its regulations based on the findings and recommendations of the legislative auditor.

The purpose of this rule is to define the code of professional ethics for dietitians. The licensure and renewal requirements and continuing professional education requirements are outlined in separate rules.

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APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF LICENSED DIETITIANS

Address: 54 TWIN VIEW LANE

HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

1. Effect of Proposed rule:

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
CURRENT EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0

2. Explanation of Above Estimates:

N/A

3. Objectives of These Rules:

TO DEFINE THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR LICENSED DIETITIANS.

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4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

A. Economic Impact on State Government:

N/A

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

N/A

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: JULY 3, 2000

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative:

Helen Lodge

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LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF LICENSED DIETITIANS

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SERIES 2
CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

§31-2-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes a code of professional ethics for licensees and applicants for licensure.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-35-4.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

§31-2-2. Code of Ethics.

2.1. A licensed dietitian shall provide professional services with objectivity and with respect to the dietetic and nutritional needs and values of an individual.

2.2. A licensed dietitian shall avoid discrimination on the basis of factors that are irrelevant to provision of professional services, including, but not limited to: race, creed, sex, age or handicap.

2.3. A licensed dietitian shall accurately present professional qualifications and credentials.

2.4. A licensed dietitian shall permit the use of their name for the purpose of certifying that dietetic and nutritional services have been rendered only if the licensed dietitian has provided or supervised those services.

2.5. A licensed dietitian shall remain free of conflict of interest while fulfilling the objectives and maintaining the integrity of the dietetic profession.

2.6. A licensed dietitian shall advance and promote the profession while maintaining profes-

sional judgement, honesty, integrity and trust to colleagues, clients, and the public.

2.7. A licensed dietitian shall promote or endorse products only in a manner that is true and not misleading.

2.8. A licensed dietitian shall evaluate the dietetic and nutritional needs of individuals and groups based upon appropriate biochemical, physical, and dietary data.

2.9. A licensed dietitian shall advise and assist individuals and groups on appropriate nutrition intake as components of preventive, curative, and restorative health care by integrating information about nutrition assessment with information on food and other sources of nutrition and meal preparation consistent with cultural background and socio-economic status.

2.10. A licensed dietitian shall integrate and apply scientific principles of food, nutrition, biochemistry, physiology and management, and the behavioral and social sciences in achieving and maintaining the health of people through the life cycle and in the treatment of disease.

2.11. A licensed dietitian shall implement methods of practice to include nutrition assessments; development, implementation, management and evaluation of nutrition care plans, nutrition counseling and education; and the development and administration of nutrition care standards and systems.

2.12. A licensed dietitian shall establish standards to include:

2.12.a. Assessing dietetic and nutritional needs of individuals and groups, and determining

resources and constraints in the practice setting;

2.12.b. Establishing priorities, goals and objectives that meet dietetic and nutritional needs that are consistent with available resources and constraints;

2.12.c. Providing dietetic and nutritional counseling in health and disease;

2.12.d. Developing, implementing, managing and evaluating appropriate dietetic and nutritional care systems; and

2.12.e. Developing, evaluating, altering and maintaining appropriate standards of quality in food and dietetic and nutritional care services.