

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

24.33.04 – Rules for Licensure of Naturopathic Medical Doctors

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to medical physicians, osteopathic physicians, and physician assistants who are licensed or seek to be licensed under the Board of Medicine.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The purpose of this rule is to provide information on the eligibility and requirements for licensure and renewal licensure, licensure fees, and continuing education requirements. In addition, this rule provides guidelines for registration of supervising and directing physicians who supervise interns, residents, physician assistants, athletic trainers, and cosmetic medical providers.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

The Medical Practice Act

Physicians and Physician Assistants:

- [54-1801, et seq.](#)
- [54-1806, Idaho Code](#) – Powers and Duties
- [54-1806A, Idaho Code](#) – Medical Disciplinary Enforcement
- [54-1808, Idaho Code](#) – The Board to Issue Licenses
- [54-1812, Idaho Code](#) – Graduates of Medical Schools Located Outside of the United States and Canada
- [54-1813, Idaho Code](#) – Temporary License and Registration
- [54-1814, Idaho Code](#) – Grounds for Medical Discipline
- [54-1841, Idaho Code](#) – Volunteer's License – Qualifications

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Sections 54-5102, 54-5105, and 54-5108 Idaho Code. (7-1-25)

001. SCOPE.

These rules govern the licensure, scope of practice, and discipline of the Naturopathic Medical Doctors in Idaho. (3-28-23)

002. DEFINITIONS.

01. Naturopathic Medical Doctor. Is a term interchangeable with licensed naturopathic physician, physician of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic medical doctor and NMD. (7-1-25)

003. – 099. (RESERVED)

100. LICENSURE.

01. Accrediting Organization. The Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) is the accrediting organization that is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the accrediting agency for education programs that prepare naturopathic medical doctors. (7-1-25)

02. Licensing Examinations. Each applicant must provide certification of passing the following four (4) sections of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Exam (NPLEX) administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE): (7-1-25)

a. Part I Biomedical Science; (3-28-23)

b. Part II Core Clinical Science; (3-28-23)

c. Part II Clinical Elective Minor Surgery; and (3-28-23)

d. Part II Clinical Elective Pharmacology. (3-28-23)

03. Renewal of License. (7-1-25)

a. Continuing Medical Education (CME). Every two (2) years, a total of forty-eight (48) hours, twenty (20) of which is pharmacology, of Board approved verifiable CME is required. (7-1-25)

101. – 199. (RESERVED)

200. PRACTICE STANDARDS.

01. Naturopathic Formulary. The formulary for naturopathic medical doctors licensed under this chapter consists of non-controlled legend medications (excluding testosterone) deemed appropriate for the primary health care of patients within the scope of practice and training of each naturopathic medical doctor. Prescribing pursuant to the Naturopathic Formulary shall be according to the standard of health care provided by other qualified naturopathic medical doctors in the same community or similar communities, taking into account their training, experience and the degree of expertise to which they hold themselves out to the public. (3-28-23)

02. Formulary Exclusions. The naturopathic formulary does not include: (3-28-23)

a. Scheduled, controlled drugs, except for testosterone used in physiologic doses with regular lab assessment for hormone replacement therapy, gender dysphoria, or hypogonadism; (3-28-23)

b. General anesthetics; (3-28-23)

c. Blood derivatives except for platelet rich plasma; or (3-28-23)

d. Systemic antineoplastic agents, except for the following antineoplastic agents used orally or topically for non-cancer purposes: (3-28-23)

i. Fluorouracil (5FU); (3-28-23)

- ii. Anastrozole; and (3-28-23)
- iii. Letrozole. (3-28-23)

201. – 299. (RESERVED)

300. DISCIPLINE.

01. Ethical Standards of Practice. Every person licensed as a naturopathic medical doctor must adhere to the following standards: (7-1-25)

a. Controlled Substance or Alcohol Abuse. Abstain from using any controlled substance or alcohol in a manner which has or may have a direct and adverse bearing on the licensee’s ability to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety; (7-1-25)

b. Medical Records. Maintain adequate naturopathic medical records. Adequate naturopathic medical records mean legible records that contain subjective information, an evaluation or report of objective findings, assessment or diagnosis, and the plan of care; (7-1-25)

c. Reporting. Report to the Board any known act or omission of a licensee, applicant, or any other person, that violates any of the rules promulgated by the Board under the authority of the act; (7-1-25)

d. Disciplinary Outcomes. May not interfere with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by willful misrepresentation of facts or by use of threats or harassment against any patient, Board or naturopathic medical board, Board staff, hearing officer, or witness in an attempt to influence the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding, investigation or other legal action; (7-1-25)

e. Obey Laws and Rules. Obey federal and local laws and rules governing the practice of naturopathic medicine. (7-1-25)

301. – 399. (RESERVED)

400. FEES.
Fees as follows:

Fees – Table (Non-Refundable)	
Licensure Fee	Not more than \$600
Annual License Renewal Fee	Not more than \$300
Reinstatement Fee	Not more than \$200
Duplicate Wallet License Fee	Not more than \$20
Duplicate Wall Certificate Fee	Not more than \$50

(7-1-25)

401. – 999. (RESERVED)