

273 CMR 2.00: PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS, AND SEVERABILITY

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2.01: Purpose

273 CMR governs the licensure and practice of naturopathic health care in Massachusetts by establishing the scope of practice and standards of conduct, the eligibility requirements and administrative procedures for the issuance of licenses to qualified applicants and the renewal of such licenses for all naturopathic doctors licensed by the Board of Registration of Naturopathy.

2.02: Definitions

Acupuncture has the same meaning found at M.G.L. c. 112, § 148.

Approved Naturopathic Medical College means a college or program granting the degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine or doctor of naturopathy that is approved by the Board and which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or such other college or program as may be approved by the Board; provided, however, that the naturopathic doctoral program shall be further accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or its successor.

Board means the board of registration in naturopathy, established in M.G.L. c. 13, § 109.

Commissioner means the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, or his or her designee.

CNME means Council on Naturopathic Medical Education.

Homeopathic Preparations means medicines prepared according to the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States.

Hydrotherapy means external and internal applications of hot and cold water, ice, and steam for therapeutic purposes including, but not limited to, hot or cold compresses, hydrocollator packs, hot or cold baths or showers involving the full body or specific body parts.

License means a license issued by the Board, pursuant to 273 CMR 3.00.

Licensee means a person licensed by the Board.

Naturopathic Doctor means a person who is licensed by the Board to practice naturopathic health care, pursuant to 273 CMR.

Naturopathic Health Care means a system of health care practices for the prevention, evaluation and treatment of illnesses, injuries and conditions of the human body through the use of education, nutrition, natural medicines and therapies and other modalities which are designed to support, stimulate or supplement the human body's own natural self-healing processes.

Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy means manually-administered mechanical treatment of body structures or tissues in accordance with naturopathic principles to restore the normal physiological function of the human body.

Naturopathic Physical Medicine means the therapeutic use of the physical agents of air, water, heat, cold, sound, light and physical modalities including, but not limited to, electrotherapy, diathermy, ultraviolet light, hydrotherapy, naturopathic manipulative therapy, and therapeutic exercise.

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NPLEX means the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations.

NABNE means the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners.

Nutrition means the prevention and treatment of disease or other human conditions through the use of diet.

Person means an individual; provided, however, that "person" shall not include a partnership, corporation, association or business organization.

Supervision means a naturopathic doctor's supervision of, and physical presence in the treatment facility during, a naturopathic student's performance of procedures authorized under 273 CMR 3.02(1)(c).

2.03: Severability

The provisions of 273 CMR are severable. If any provision therein is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

273 CMR 2.00: M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 266-274; St. 2016, c. 400, § 2.