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Board of Registration of Psychologists

**Notice Of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 that the Board of Registration of Psychologists (“Board”) within the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on emergency amendments to the following regulations: 251 CMR 1.00 Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, and Disciplinary Proceedings; and 251 CMR 3.00 Registration of Psychologists.

251 CMR 1.00 establishes the ethical standards, professional conduct, and disciplinary procedures used by the Board as they relate to professional psychologists.

251 CMR 3.00 sets forth the Board’s requirements for licensure of psychologists.

These proposed emergency amendments implement and codify into regulation the provisions of St. 2022, c. 127, [*An Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care*](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2022/Chapter127).  The proposed emergency amendments protect psychologists from disqualification from licensure, and from Board discipline, on the basis of providing, or assisting in providing, reproductive health care services and gender affirming health care services if the services provided would be lawful and consistent with good professional practice if they occurred entirely within Massachusetts.  The protection extends to discipline based on a judgment, discipline or other sanction arising from such services.

The public hearing will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025**. The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The information for the moderated conference call is:

**Dial-In Telephone Number: 800-779-1624**

**Participant Passcode: 8935291**

A copy of the proposed amendments to 251 CMR 1.00 and 251 CMR 3.00 may be viewed on the Department’s website at <http://mass.gov/dph/proposed-regulations> or requested from the Office of the General Counsel by calling 617-624-5220.

Speakers who testify at the public hearing are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: Reg.Testimony@mass.gov, or by mail to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. When electronically submitting comments, type “BORPSY Regulations” in the subject line and attach a Word document with your comments or type your comments in the body of your email.

The Department will post all testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. **All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2025**. All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.