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NCBAHM Route 4 & Clinical Supervisor Workgroup Charter

Purpose

1. To evaluate and provide a recommendation on whether the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (NCBAHM) Route 4 Pathway meets the standards required to qualify for acupuncture licensure in Oregon. If applicable, also provide draft rule language for consideration.
2. To evaluate and provide a recommendation on whether acupuncture clinical supervisors may satisfy the experience requirement through a treatment volume standard, a minimum of 5,000 treatments across at least 250 patients, as an alternative to the current five years of experience requirement. If applicable, also provide draft rule language for consideration.

Members

The Workgroup will include persons with subject matter expertise and individuals who will likely be affected by the proposed rules. OMB staff will ensure the Workgroup includes a diversity of experiences and perspectives. Administrative support will be provided by OMB staff. The Workgroup may consist of:

- 1-2 members of the OMB's Acupuncture Advisory Committee
- 1 representative of the Oregon Association of Acupuncturists
- 1-2 practicing acupuncturists
- 1 acupuncture educator
- 1-2 current acupuncture students (who may use Route 4)
- 1 current acupuncture clinical supervisor
- 1 consumer member who is not an acupuncturist

Scope

The Workgroup will review materials, discuss, and draft rule language (if applicable). The Workgroup is advisory, and consensus is not necessary; the Oregon Medical Board retains final decision-making authority.

Meetings

Public meetings will be held in late Summer and Fall 2026. Meetings will be subject to public meetings law, including public notice, public records, and public access. The meetings will be held via Zoom. Dates and times are subject to change.

Objective

The Workgroup recommendation(s) and any draft rules will be reviewed by the OMB's Acupuncture Advisory Committee in December 2026, and at Oregon Medical Board meeting in January 2027.