



**COLORADO**

Department of  
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Division of Professions and Occupations

## **STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

### **JUSTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY STATUS**

**October 6, 2023**

The basis for these rules is to carry out the provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act at section 12-245-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. These emergency rules are promulgated to comply with state law.

The Board finds that immediate adoption of new Rule 1.24, CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST TO PRESCRIBE PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, is imperatively necessary to comply with state law, specifically the implementation of Colorado House Bill 23-1071, and compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S. would be contrary to the public interest.

The Board finds it is imperatively necessary to adopt Rule 1.24 on an emergency basis in order to comply with the legislature's directive in Colorado House Bill 23-1071.