STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-20

Rule Number: Fam 300

1. **Agency:** Board of Family Mediator Certification
   c/o Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
   7 Eagle Square
   Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 328-C:8

3. **Federal Authority:** N/A

4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment

5. **Short Title:** Certification Requirements

6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

   The Board of Family Mediator Certification (Board) proposes to readopt with amendment Fam 301 through Fam 304, governing definitions, application procedures, eligibility requirements, training, internships, and required documentation for certification as a family mediator.

   The proposed amendments clarify terminology, update and reorganize application and documentation requirements, align application processing provisions with Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) procedures, and update references to nationally recognized mediation standards. These amendments do not establish new certification categories, do not change substantive eligibility requirements, and do not create or modify fees. The proposed rules continue to implement existing statutory requirements under RSA 328-C and do not implement a state statute for the first time.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

These rules affect family mediators and applicants for certification, the Board of Family Mediator Certification, the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, and the public.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Fam 301.01	RSA 328-C:2
Fam 301.02	RSA 328-C:4
Fam 301.03	RSA 328-C:2; RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.04	RSA 328-C:2, II
Fam 301.05	RSA 328-C:2; RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.06 and Fam 301.07	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.08	RSA 328-C:2, VI
Fam 301.09	RSA 328-C:2, VII; RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.10 and Fam 301.11	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.12	RSA 328-C:5, I; RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.13 and Fam 301.14	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 301.15	RSA 461-A:4, II; RSA 461-A:11
Fam 301.16	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 302.01	RSA 328-C:8, I(a); RSA 328-C:8, I(b)
Fam 302.02	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 302.03	RSA 328-C:8, I(b)
Fam 302.04	RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 302.05	RSA 328-C:5, II(d)
Fam 303.01 and Fam 303.02	RSA 328-C:4-a
Fam 303.03	RSA 328-C:4-a; RSA 328-C:8, I(a)
Fam 303.04– Fam 303.07	RSA 328-C:4-a
Fam 303.08	RSA 328-C:5
Fam 303.09	RSA 328-C:5; RSA 328-C:9
Fam 304.01	RSA 328-C:8, I(a); RSA 310:5; RSA 310:6

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

   Friday, March 27, 2026

   _ **Fax**
   X **Email** Oplc-rules@oplc.nh.gov
   _ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**
   Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026
   Time: 2:15 PM
   Place: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
   7 Eagle Square
   Concord, NH 03301

   Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

    FIS #: 26:008, dated: 2026-01-21

    1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

    There is no difference in cost between the proposed rules and the existing rules.

    2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

    No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

    3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

    The fee provisions referenced in Fam 300 rules are applicable to Plc 1002.15, relative to application processing and licensing fees for the profession regulated by the Board of Family Mediator Certification.

    A. To State general or State special funds:

    None.

    B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

    None.

    C. To independently owned businesses:

    None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

There are no costs associated with these rules, and these rules do not apply to political subdivisions. These rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures, and therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution.