

IDAPA 22 - BOARD OF MEDICINE

22.01.01- RULES OF THE BOARD OF MEDICINE FOR THE LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN IDAHO

DOCKET NO. 22-0101- 1201

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 54-1806(2), 54-1806(4), (11), 54-1806A, 54-1812, 54-1813, 54-1814 and 54-1841, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

October 23, 2012

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Idaho State Board of Medicine, Conference Room
1755 Westgate Dr., Ste. 140, Boise, Idaho**

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The substance and purpose of this rule change is to update the Board's web address, clarify the section relating to Physician Panelist for Prelitigation Consideration of Medical Malpractice Claims and comply with the recommendations of the FBI and local law enforcement pursuant to a review of the Board's fingerprint reporting security procedures.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: There will be no increase in fees.

Authority for imposition of fees is found in Sections 54-1806 and 54-1806A (4), Idaho Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted. The Board received input and comments from its constituents and licensees.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Nancy M. Kerr, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, (208) 327-7000.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 24, 2012.

DATED this 21st of August, 2012.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 22-0101-1201

006. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.

The central office of the Board of Medicine will be in Boise, Idaho. The Board's mailing address, unless otherwise indicated, will be Idaho State Board of Medicine, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0058. The Board's street address is 1755 Westgate Drive, Suite 140, Boise, Idaho 83704. The telephone number of the Board is (208) 327-7000. The Board's facsimile (FAX) number is (208) 327-7005. The Board's web site is www.bom.state.id.us. The Board's office hours for filing documents are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. ~~(3-30-06)~~()

007. FILING OF DOCUMENTS - NUMBER OF COPIES.

All original documents and one (1) electronic copy in rulemaking or contested case proceedings must be filed with the office of the Board. ~~(3-29-10)~~()

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

050. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL.

01. Residence. No period of residence in Idaho shall be required of any applicant, however, each applicant for licensure must be legally able to work and live in the United States. Original documentation of lawful presence in the United States must be provided upon request only. The Board shall refuse licensure or renew a license if the applicant is not lawfully present in the United States. (3-26-08)

02. Character. The Board may refuse licensure if it finds that the applicant has engaged in conduct prohibited by Section 54-1814, Idaho Code; provided the Board shall take into consideration the rehabilitation of the applicant and other mitigating circumstances. (7-1-93)

03. English Language. Each applicant shall speak, write, read, understand and be understood in the English language. Evidence of proficiency in the English language must be provided upon request only. (3-26-08)

04. Application. Each applicant must have graduated from an acceptable school of medicine, passed an examination acceptable to the Board that demonstrates qualification for licensure or successfully completed the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) and completed one (1) year of postgraduate training approved by the ACGME, AOA or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and shall submit a completed written application to the Board on forms prescribed by the Board with the nonrefundable application fee. Any certificate or document required to be submitted to the Board which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English. The application form shall be verified and shall require the following: (5-8-09)

a. Personal identification information and education background of the applicant including, but limited to, his college education, medical school education and postgraduate training; (3-26-08)

b. An original certificate or document of graduation from an acceptable school of medicine, and evidence of satisfactory completion of postgraduate training of one (1) year at one (1) training program accredited for

internship, residency or fellowship training by the ACGME, AOA or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; (3-26-08)

c. The disclosure of any criminal charges, convictions or guilty pleas against the applicant other than minor traffic offenses; (7-1-93)

d. The current mental and physical condition of the applicant, together with disclosure of any previous physical or mental illness which impacts the applicant's ability to practice medicine; (3-30-01)

e. The disclosure of any past or pending medical malpractice actions against the applicant, and the judgments or settlements, if any, of such claims exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); (5-8-09)

f. The disclosure of any disciplinary action by any board of medicine, licensing authority, medical society, professional society, hospital, medical school, or institution staff in any state or country; (3-26-08)

g. The disclosure of the refusal to issue or renew a license to practice medicine by any state, Canadian or international licensing authority; (3-26-08)

h. References to include two (2) letters of recommendation signed by licensed physicians who have known the applicant professionally for at least one (1) year; (3-30-06)

i. An unmounted photograph of the applicant, of adequate size and clarity to identify the applicant and no larger than four inches tall by three inches wide (4" x 3"), taken not more than one (1) year prior to the date of the application; (3-30-06)

j. A certified copy of a full set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms supplied by the Board which shall be forwarded to the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement and to the FBI Identification Division for the purpose of a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database; (5-3-03)

k. The employment history and relevant practice locations of the applicant; (3-30-06)

l. Each state, country and jurisdiction in which the applicant has applied for a license to practice medicine; (3-26-08)

m. Each state, country and jurisdiction wherein the applicant is licensed to practice medicine; ~~and~~ (3-26-08)()

n. ~~Such other information or examinations as the Board deems necessary to identify and evaluate the applicant's credentials and competency.~~ A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or current passport; and (3-30-06)()

o. Such other information or examinations as the Board deems necessary to identify and evaluate the applicant's credentials and competency. ()

05. Examination. Each applicant must pass an examination acceptable to the Board, within the time period recommended by the examination authority, which shall thoroughly test the applicant's fitness to practice medicine or successfully completed the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE). If an applicant fails to pass the examination on two (2) separate occasions the applicant may be required to be interviewed, evaluated or examined by the Board. (5-8-09)

06. Interview. Each applicant may be personally interviewed by the Board or a designated committee of the Board. The interview shall include a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials. (3-30-01)

07. Applicants. All applicants must complete their license application within one (1) year unless extended by the Board after filing an application for extension. Unless extended, applications that remain on file for

more than one (1) year will be considered null and void and a new application and new fees will be required as if filing for the first time. (3-30-06)

08. Health Care Standards. In reviewing the application or conducting the applicant's interview, the Board shall determine whether the applicant possesses the requisite qualifications to provide the same standard of health care as provided by licensed physicians in this state. If the Board is unable to reach such a conclusion through the application and interview, it shall conduct further inquiry, to establish such qualifications. (3-30-06)

a. Upon inquiry, if further examination is required, the Board may require passage of the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) administered by the FSMB, a post licensure assessment conducted by the FSMB, or an evaluation by an independent agency accepted by the Board to evaluate physician competence. (5-8-09)

b. The Board will require further inquiry when in its judgment the need is apparent, including but not limited to the following circumstances: (3-30-06)

i. Graduate of an international medical school located outside the United States and Canada and not accredited by the LCME; (5-8-09)

ii. Applicant whose background investigation reveals evidence of impairment, competency deficit, or disciplinary action by any licensing or regulatory agency; (3-26-08)

iii. An applicant has not been in active medical practice for a period exceeding one (1) year, or when practice has been significantly interrupted; (3-30-06)

iv. An applicant has not written a recognized examination intended to determine ability to practice medicine within a period of five (5) years preceding application; (3-30-06)

v. An applicant whose initial licensure was issued on the basis of an examination not recognized by the Board; or (3-30-06)

vi. When there is any reason whatsoever to question the identity of the applicant. (3-30-06)

c. Recommendations of the assessment and or evaluation acceptable to the Board related to the ability of the applicant to practice medicine and surgery will be considered by the Board in its decision whether to issue a license and the Board may limit, condition, or restrict a license based on the Board's determination and the recommendation of the assessment or evaluation. (3-30-06)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

081. PHYSICIAN PANELIST FOR PRELITIGATION CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS.

01. Purpose. The purpose of serving as a physician panelist for prelitigation consideration of medical malpractice claims against physicians and surgeons practicing in the state of Idaho or against licensed acute care general hospitals operating in the state of Idaho is to:

a. ~~e~~Cooperate in the prelitigation consideration of personal injury and wrongful death claims for damages arising out of the provision of or alleged failure to provide hospital or medical care in Idaho; and ()

b. ~~to~~ ~~a~~Accept and hear complaints of such negligence and damages, made by or on behalf of any patient who is an alleged victim of such negligence. (5-8-09)()

02. Eligibility. A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery in Idaho shall be available to serve in any two (2) year period, or a longer period not to exceed five (5) years,

as determined by the panel chairman, as a physician panelist for prelitigation consideration of a medical malpractice claim. (5-8-09)

03. Excusing Physicians from Serving. A physician panelist so selected shall serve unless he had served on a prelitigation panel during any previous two (2) year period, or a longer period not to exceed five (5) years, as determined by the panel chairman or for good cause shown, is excused by the panel chairman. To show good cause for relief from serving, the selected physician panelist shall present an affidavit to the panel chairman which shall set out the facts showing that service would constitute an unreasonable burden or undue hardship. The panel chairman shall have the sole authority to excuse a selected physician from serving on a prelitigation panel. (5-8-09)

04. Penalties for Noncompliance. The Board may condition, limit, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any physician whom the Board determines has failed to serve as a physician panelist for the prelitigation consideration of a medical malpractice claim. (5-8-09)