

IDAPA 22 - BOARD OF MEDICINE
22.01.03 - RULES FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
DOCKET NO. 22-0103-1201 (FEE RULE)
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), 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 require applicants to provide a copy of a birth certificate or passport with their application to document lawful presence in the United States, provide for temporary licensure while awaiting fingerprint-based criminal history check results and compensating the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee members according to Section 59-509(n), Idaho Code, to avoid tax consequences.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

Addition of the provision for a temporary license mandated establishing an issuance fee, which may be prorated pursuant to Section 54-1808, Idaho Code, and shall be no more than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180). Authority for imposition of fees is found in Sections 54-1806 and 54-1806(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 also 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. 22-0103-1201

022. TEMPORARY LICENSE.

Temporary licenses may be issued exclusively to those applicants who appear to eligible after submission of a complete application for a permanent physician assistant license but such licenses subject to pending results of fingerprint-based criminal history checks of the Idaho central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. The temporary license shall be valid from the date of issuance to the next regular meeting of the Board, unless extended by the Board upon extenuating circumstances. ()

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(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

051. FEES -- LICENSE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT.

All licenses to practice as a physician assistant or graduate physician assistant shall be issued for a period of not more than five (5) years. All licenses shall expire on the expiration date printed on the face of the certificate and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed. The Board shall collect a fee for each renewal year. The failure of any person to renew his license shall not deprive such person of the right to renewal, except as provided for herein and Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. (3-16-04)

01. Licensure Fee. The fee for initial licensure shall be no more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a physician assistant and graduate physician assistant. (4-9-09)

02. License Renewal Fee. The Board shall collect a fee of no more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each renewal year of a license. (4-9-09)

03. License Cancellation. (3-16-04)

a. Failure to renew a license to practice as a physician assistant and pay the renewal fee shall cause the license to be canceled. However, such license can be renewed up to two (2) years following cancellation by payment of past renewal fees, plus a penalty fee of fifty dollars (\$50). After two (2) years, an initial application for licensure with payment of the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Board. In addition, the Board may require evidence of an educational update and close supervision to assure safe and qualified performance. (4-9-09)

b. Failure to renew a license to practice as a graduate physician assistant and pay the renewal fee shall cause the license to be canceled. However, such license can be renewed up to six (6) months following cancellation by payment of the past renewal fee, plus a penalty fee of no more than one hundred dollars (\$100). After six (6) months, an original application for licensure with payment of the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Board. (4-9-09)

04. Inactive License. (3-16-04)

a. A person holding a current license issued by the Board to practice as a physician assistant may be

issued, upon written application provided by the Board and payment of required fees to the Board, an inactive license on the condition that he will not engage in the provision of patient services as a physician assistant in this state. An initial inactive license fee of no more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be collected by the Board. (3-16-04)

b. Inactive licenses shall be issued for a period of not more than five (5) years and such licenses shall be renewed upon payment of an inactive license renewal fee of no more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each renewal year. The inactive license certificate shall set forth its date of expiration. (3-16-04)

c. An inactive license may be converted to an active license to practice as a physician assistant upon written application and payment of required conversion fees of no more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to the Board. The applicant must account for the time during which an inactive license was held and document continuing competence. The Board may, in its discretion, require a personal interview to evaluate the applicant's qualifications. In addition, the Board may require evidence of an educational update and close supervision to assure safe and qualified performance. (3-16-04)

05. Volunteer License. (4-9-09)

a. License. Upon completion of an application and verification of qualifications, the Board may issue a volunteer license to a physician assistant who is retired from active practice for the purpose of providing physician assistant service to people who, due to age, infirmity, handicap, indigence or disability, are unable to receive regular medical treatment. (4-9-09)

b. Retired Defined. A physician assistant previously holding a license to practice as a physician assistant in Idaho or another state shall be considered retired if, prior to the date of the application for a volunteer's license, he has: (4-9-09)

i. Allowed his license with active status to expire with the intent of ceasing active practice as a physician assistant for remuneration; or (4-9-09)

ii. Converted his active license to an inactive status with the intention of ceasing to actively practice physician assistant for remuneration; or (4-9-09)

iii. Converted his license with active or inactive status to a license with retirement or similar status that proscribed the active practice as a physician assistant. (4-9-09)

c. Eligibility. A physician assistant whose license has been restricted, suspended, revoked, surrendered, resigned, converted, allowed to lapse or expire as the result of disciplinary action or in lieu of disciplinary action shall not be eligible for a volunteer license. The volunteer license cannot be converted to a license with active, inactive or temporary status. (4-9-09)

d. Application. The application for a volunteer license shall include the requirements listed in Section 021 of these rules and: (4-9-09)

i. Verification that the applicant held an active physician assistant license in good standing in Idaho or another state within five (5) years of the date of application for a volunteer license. (4-9-09)

ii. The Board may at its discretion issue a volunteer license to a physician assistant who has not held an active license in good standing for greater than five (5) years if the applicant has completed an examination acceptable to the Board that demonstrates the applicant possesses the knowledge and skills required to practice as a physician assistant. (4-9-09)

06. Temporary Licensure Fee. The fee for temporary licensure, which may be prorated pursuant to Section 54-1808, Idaho Code, shall be no more than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180). ()