LCB File No. R005-07

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

(This regulation was previously adopted as T005-07)

NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED REGULATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF A REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Workshop Notice: The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada 89502, is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Two (2) Workshops have been set for the purpose of soliciting comments from interested persons on the adoption of the amendment to the regulation.

The first workshop will be conducted **Wednesday**, **July 11**, **2007**, **at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as it may be conducted on that date, at the offices of the Board at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada.

The second workshop will be conducted **Thursday**, **July 12**, **2007**, **at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as it may be conducted on that date, at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Room #4411, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Action – Proposed amendment to NAC Regulations

Amendment to NAC 630.____, Physician assistants to be able to render care in emergency situations at the scene of an accident or a natural or man-made disaster and to make reasonable effort to contact and inform his supervising physician as to location and type of emergency.

Public Hearing Notice: The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners will hold a **public hearing at 10:30 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, July 18, 2007**, or as soon thereafter as it may be heard on that date, at the offices of the Board at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of Nevada Administrative Code Section 630.____. If no interested person, who is directly affected by the proposed action, appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Board may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

The proposed amendment is necessary to clarify existing Board of Medical Examiners policy.

The proposed change to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code is set out hereinafter.

- The proposed amendment is necessary to clarify existing Board of Medical Examiners policy.
- The proposed amendment will not have a direct economic effect on the business of the practice of medicine or any other business or on the public.
- Enforcement of the proposed amendment will not result in an increased cost to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.
- To the Board's knowledge, the proposed amendment does not overlap or duplicate the regulations of other state or local governmental agencies or any federal regulations.
- The proposed amendment does not establish any new fees or increases to existing fees.
- The proposed amendment does not affect small businesses in any way.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, P.O. Box 7238, Reno, Nevada 89510-7238. Written submissions must be received by the Board on or before five (5) days prior to the date set for the public hearing.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be amended will be available at the offices of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada, and in all counties in which an office of the Board is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the regulation to be amended are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the

principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

Washoe County Courthouse – Reno, Nevada

Reno City Hall - Reno, Nevada

Elko County Courthouse – Elko, Nevada

White Pine County Courthouse – Ely, Nevada

Clark County Health Department - Las Vegas, Nevada

Carson City Office of the State Attorney General

Las Vegas Office of the State Attorney General

Reno Office of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Carson City Public Library – Carson City, Nevada

Churchill County Public Library – Fallon, Nevada

Las Vegas Public Library – Las Vegas, Nevada

Douglas County Public Library - Minden, Nevada

Elko County Public Library – Elko, Nevada

Goldfield Public Library – Goldfield, Nevada

Eureka Branch Public Library – Eureka, Nevada

Humboldt County Public Library – Winnemucca, Nevada

Lincoln County Public Library – Pioche, Nevada

Lyon County Public Library – Yerington, Nevada

Mineral County Public Library – Hawthorne, Nevada

Tonopah Public Library – Tonopah, Nevada

Pershing County Public Library – Lovelock, Nevada

Storey County Public Library – Virginia City, Nevada

Washoe County Public Library – Reno, Nevada

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Battle Mountain Branch Public Library – Battle Mountain, Nevada

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Explanation – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

NAC 630.___ is hereby added to read as follows: NAC 630.___ Physician Assistants rendering emergency care at the scene of an accident or a natural or man-made disaster. (NRS. 630.130, 630.015, 630.271, 630.275, NAC 630.370)

NRS 630.130

AUTHORITY:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a physician assistant is considered to be and is deemed the agent of his supervising physician in the performance of all medical activities.
- 2. A physician assistant shall not perform medical services without supervision from his supervising physician, except in:
- (a) Life-threatening emergencies, including, without limitation, at the scene of an accident; or
- (b) Emergency situations, including, without limitation, man-made or natural disaster relief efforts.
- 3. When a physician assistant performs medical services in a situation described in subsection 2:
- (a) The physician assistant is not the agent of the supervising physician and the supervising physician is not responsible or liable for any medical services provided by the physician assistant.
- (b) The physician assistant will provide whatever medical services are possible based on the need of the patient and the training, education and experience of the physician assistant.
- (c) If a licensed physician is available on scene, the physician assistant may take direction from the physician.
- (d) The physician assistant must make a reasonable effort to contact the supervising physician as soon as possible to advise him of the incident and the physician assistant's role in providing medical services.