

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 6, NRS 622.540, 633.291, 633.305 and 633.3618; §§ 2 and 4, NRS 622.540, 633.291 and 633.305; §§ 3 and 5, NRS 633.291, 633.305 and 633.3618.

A REGULATION relating to osteopathic medicine; establishing certain requirements for the prioritization of certain applications for licensure by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine; establishing the timeframe and process by which the Board will review and render a final decision on such applications; prescribing certain actions that the Board will take to ensure the timely processing of such applications; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of osteopathic physicians, physician assistants and anesthesiologist assistants by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. (Chapter 633 of NRS) Assembly Bill No. 483 (A.B. 483) of the 2025 Legislative Session requires each health care licensing board, including the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to adopt regulations that establish a process for prioritizing the review of an application for initial licensure as a provider of health care submitted by an applicant who demonstrates that he or she will primarily practice health care in a historically underserved community. A.B. 483 requires a health care licensing board to allow an applicant to make such a demonstration by submitting a letter from an employer that is located in a historically underserved area that: (1) states that the applicant has accepted an offer of employment from the employer; and (2) contains certain other information. (NRS 622.540) **Section 2** of this regulation provides that an applicant for an initial license to practice osteopathic medicine, to practice as a physician assistant or to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant is eligible to have the review of his or her application prioritized if the applicant includes with his or her application: (1) a request for prioritization; (2) a letter from his or her employer that meets the requirements set forth in A.B. 483; and (3) an attestation that the employer is located in a historically underserved community.

Senate Bill No. 5 (S.B. 5) of the 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature requires the Board to establish a procedure to prioritize the processing of applications for the initial issuance of a license to practice osteopathic medicine submitted by an applicant who intends to practice: (1) serving geographic areas and populations where the shortage of providers of health care is most critical, as determined by the Nevada Health Authority; or (2) in a specialty for which the need is most critical, as determined by the Authority. (NRS 633.3618) **Section 3** of

this regulation provides that an applicant for an initial license to practice osteopathic medicine is eligible to have the review of his or her application prioritized by the Board if the applicant includes with his or her application: (1) a request for prioritization; and (2) an attestation that the applicant reasonably expects to practice osteopathic medicine serving a geographic area or population or in a specialty that satisfies the requirements set forth in S.B. 5.

Sections 4 and 5 of this regulation establish the timeframe and process by which the Board will prioritize, review and render a final decision on an application for licensure submitted by an applicant who is eligible for such prioritization under **section 2 or 3**, respectively. Specifically, **sections 4 and 5** provide that the Board will: (1) determine whether the application is complete within 7 business days after receiving the application; (2) render a final decision on the application and notify the applicant of that final decision not later than 30 business days after the business day on which the Board verifies that the application is complete and has received all necessary supporting documentation, reports and verifications; and (3) if the Board approves the application, issue the applicable license not later than 45 business days after the Board verifies that the application is complete and has received all necessary documentation, reports and verifications. **Sections 4 and 5** also provide that the Board will take certain actions to ensure the timely processing of applications in accordance with those sections.

Section 1. Chapter 633 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. *An applicant for an initial license to practice osteopathic medicine, to practice as a physician assistant or to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant is eligible to have the review of his or her application prioritized by the Board pursuant to section 4 of this regulation if the applicant:*

(a) Has accepted an offer of employment from an employer that is located in a historically underserved community; and

(b) Includes with his or her application:

(1) A request for prioritization on a form provided by the Board;

(2) A letter from the employer described in paragraph (a) which meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 622.540; and

(3) A signed attestation that the employer described in paragraph (a) is located in a historically underserved community.

2. An applicant for a license is subject to discipline or denial of licensure if, after notice and hearing in accordance with this chapter and chapters 622A and 633 of NRS, the Board finds that the applicant has willfully and intentionally submitted to the Board a forged or false attestation pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. As used in this section, “historically underserved community” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 622.540.

Sec. 3. *1. An applicant for an initial license to practice osteopathic medicine is eligible to have the review of his or her application prioritized by the Board pursuant to section 4 of this regulation if the applicant includes with his or her application:*

(a) A request for prioritization on a form provided by the Board; and

(b) A signed attestation that he or she reasonably expects to practice osteopathic medicine after being issued the license:

(1) In a geographic area or serving a population that meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 633.3618; or

(2) In a specialty that meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 633.3618.

2. An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine is subject to discipline or denial of licensure if, after notice and hearing in accordance with this chapter and chapters 622A and 633 of NRS, the Board finds that the applicant has willfully and intentionally submitted to the Board a forged or false attestation pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. At least once each year, the Board will collaborate with the Nevada Health Authority to perform the duties required by paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 633.3618.

Sec. 4. 1. *Not later than 7 business days after receiving an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 of this regulation, the Board will:*

(a) Verify that the application is complete and includes, without limitation:

(1) All required documentation; and

(2) All applicable fees; and

(b) If the Board determines that the application is incomplete, notify the applicant by telephone or in writing that his or her application is incomplete and describe the specific steps necessary for the applicant to complete his or her application.

2. As soon as practicable after verifying that an application is complete pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the Board will begin processing the application and obtaining or verifying all transcripts, supporting documentation and background investigations that are necessary for the Board to evaluate the application. If the Board determines that additional information or documentation is required from the applicant, the Board will notify the applicant by telephone or in writing not later than 7 days after making such a determination:

(a) That additional information or documentation is required; and

(b) Of the specific information or documentation that is required.

3. The Board will render a final decision on an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 of this regulation and notify the applicant of that final decision not later than 30 business days after the business day immediately following the date on which the Board has:

(a) Verified that the application is complete;

(b) Received from the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the applicant and the results of any other background investigation conducted with respect to the applicant; and

(c) Received and verified all applicable transcripts and any other supporting documents necessary for the Board to render a final decision on the application.

4. If the Board approves an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 of this regulation, the Board will issue the applicable license to the applicant not later than 45 business days after the business day immediately following the date on which the Board has completed the tasks described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 3.

5. The Board will, using data, time stamps and other metrics maintained by the Board:

(a) Monitor the expediency of the Board in reviewing applications accompanied by requests for prioritization pursuant to section 2 of this regulation from applicants who are eligible for such prioritization; and

(b) Ensure that the Board reviews and renders final decisions on applications described in paragraph (a) within the timeframes set forth in this section.

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Sec. 5. Section 4 of this regulation is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 1. Not later than 7 business days after receiving an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 *or 3* of this regulation, the Board will:

(a) Verify that the application is complete and includes, without limitation:

- (1) All required documentation; and
- (2) All applicable fees; and

(b) If the Board determines that the application is incomplete, notify the applicant by telephone or in writing that his or her application is incomplete and describe the specific steps necessary for the applicant to complete his or her application.

2. As soon as practicable after verifying that an application is complete pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the Board will begin processing the application and obtaining or verifying all transcripts, supporting documentation and background investigations that are necessary for the Board to evaluate the application. If the Board determines that additional information or documentation is required from the applicant, the Board will notify the applicant by telephone or in writing not later than 7 days after making such a determination:

(a) That additional information or documentation is required; and

(b) Of the specific information or documentation that is required.

3. The Board will render a final decision on an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 *or* 3 of this regulation and notify the applicant of that final decision not later than 30 business days after the business day immediately following the date on which the Board has:

(a) Verified that the application is complete;

(b) Received from the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the applicant and the results of any other background investigation conducted with respect to the applicant; and

(c) Received and verified all applicable transcripts and any other supporting documents necessary for the Board to render a final decision on the application.

4. If the Board approves an application which includes a request for prioritization made pursuant to section 2 *or* 3 of this regulation, the Board will issue the applicable license to the applicant not later than 45 business days after the business day immediately following the date on which the Board has completed the tasks described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 3.

5. The Board will, using data, time stamps and other metrics maintained by the Board:

(a) Monitor the expediency of the Board in reviewing applications accompanied by requests for prioritization pursuant to ~~[section]~~ sections 2 *and* 3 of this regulation from applicants who are eligible for such prioritization; and

(b) Ensure that the Board reviews and renders final decisions on applications described in paragraph (a) within the timeframes set forth in this section.

Sec. 6. 1. This section and sections 1, 2 and 4 of this regulation become effective on the date on which this regulation is approved by the Legislative Commission and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 233B.070.

2. Sections 3 and 5 of this regulation become effective on the later of:

(a) July 1, 2026; or

(b) The date on which this regulation is approved by the Legislative Commission and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 233B.070.