ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

LCB File No. R038-09

Effective November 25, 2009

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130, 630.253 and 630.275.

A REGULATION relating to physician assistants; revising continuing medical education requirements for the renewal of a license of a physician assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** NAC 630.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 630.350 1. The license of a physician assistant may be renewed biennially. The license will not be renewed unless the physician assistant provides satisfactory proof [:
- (a) Of current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician
 Assistants; and
- (b) That he] that the physician assistant has completed the following number of hours of continuing medical education as defined by the American Academy of Physician Assistants [:
- (1)] or has received a certificate documenting the completion of the following number of hours of Category 1 credits as recognized by the American Medical Association:
 - (a) If licensed during the first 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 40 hours.
- [(2)] (b) If licensed during the second 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 30 hours.
 - [(3)] (c) If licensed during the third 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 20 hours.

- [(4)] (d) If licensed during the fourth 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 10 hours.
- 2. [A physician assistant shall notify the Board within 10 days if his certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants is withdrawn.
- 3.] To allow for the renewal of a license to practice as a physician assistant by each person to whom a license was issued or renewed in the preceding renewal period, the Board will make such reasonable attempts as are practicable to:
- (a) Mail a renewal notice at least 60 days before the expiration of a license to practice as a physician assistant; and
- (b) Send a renewal application to a licensee at the last known address of the licensee on record with the Board.
- [4.] 3. If a licensee fails to pay the fee for biennial registration after it becomes due, his *or*her license to practice in this State is automatically suspended. Within 2 years after the date [his]

 the license is suspended, the holder may be reinstated to practice as a physician assistant if [he:]

 the holder:
- (a) Pays twice the amount of the current fee for biennial registration to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board; and
 - (b) Is found to be in good standing and qualified pursuant to this chapter.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION LCB File No. R038-09

The Board of Medical Examiners adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R038-09 which pertain to chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 233B.066, the following informational statement is submitted:

DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC RESPONSE EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY

How public comment was solicited:

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners published a Notice of Workshop and Hearing to solicit comments on proposed changes to the regulation. The workshop was conducted in Reno on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the office of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 1105 Terminal Way, Ste. 301, Reno, Nevada. The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners published, concurrent with the Notice of Workshop, Notice of a Public Hearing to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the proposed changes to the regulation, and that the public hearing was to be held at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, November 6, 2009, at the offices of the Board of Medical Examiners located at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada.

In the notices the public was notified that a copy of the proposed regulation was on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart St., Carson City, Nevada; available at the offices of the Board at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada; in all counties in the state of Nevada in which the Board does not maintain an office; at the main public library; 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., as well as posted at the following locations:

Washoe County Courthouse – 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
White Pine County Public Library – Ely, Nevada
Battle Mountain Branch Public Library – Battle Mountain, Nevada

Attached hereto, and made a part hereof, are copies of certifications of posting from many of the above named.

Summary of the public response:

No public response was received.

Persons who attended the workshop:

No public attendance or comment was offered.

Persons who testified at the public hearing:

No public comment was offered.

The number of persons who submitted written statements:

No written comment was received by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND HOW INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY

The comments, conclusions, and information set out above and all information contained thereunder applies to this portion of the informational statement as well.

THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED IN ITS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FORM.

The proposed regulation was adopted in the enclosed form.

THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH THE BOARD REGULATES AND ON THE PUBLIC

The economic effect of the regulations on the medical profession:

There will be no economic effect to the medical profession by adoption of this regulation.

The economic effect of the regulations on the general public:

There will be no economic effect to the general public by adoption of this regulation.

THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO ENFORCE THE PROPOSED REGULATION

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners estimates that there will be no additional cost to itself to enforce the proposed regulation.

THE REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS DOES NOT OVERLAP OR DUPLICATE ANY REGULATIONS OF ANY OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS DOES NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY.

THE NEW REGULATION DOES NOT PROVIDE OR INVOLVE A NEW FEE.