#### ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

#### **LCB File No. R048-10**

## Effective October 15, 2010

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 provisions governing the suspension and reinstatement of a license to practice; 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 that the physician assistant has completed the following number of hours of continuing medical education as defined by the American Academy of Physician Assistants 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.
- (b) If licensed during the second 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 30 hours.
- (c) If licensed during the third 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 20 hours.
- (d) If licensed during the fourth 6 months of the biennial period of registration, 10 hours.
- 2. 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.
- 3. If a licensee fails to pay the fee for biennial registration after it becomes due [,] or fails to submit proof that the licensee completed the number of hours of continuing medical education required by subsection 1, his or her license to practice in this State is automatically suspended. Within 2 years after the date the license is suspended, the holder may be reinstated to practice as a physician assistant if the holder:
- (a) Pays twice the amount of the current fee for biennial registration to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board; [and]
- (b) Submits proof that he or she completed the number of hours of continuing medical education required by subsection 1; and
  - (c) Is found to be in good standing and qualified pursuant to this chapter.

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#### 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 from all interested persons regarding proposed changes to the regulation. The workshop was conducted in Las Vegas on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd., Bldg. A., Ste. 1, Las Vegas, Nevada. The public hearing was held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, July 23, 2010, at the offices of the Board of Medical Examiners located at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 310, Reno, Nevada, and videoconferenced to the Board of Dental Examiners located at 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd., Bldg. A, Suite 1, Las Vegas, Nevada.

In the notice 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
Carson City Library
Clark County District Library
Churchill County Library
Douglas County Library
Elko County Library
Esmeralda County Library
Humboldt County Library
Lander County Library
Lincoln County Library
Lyon County Library
Mineral County Library

Reno, Nevada
Carson City, Nevada
Las Vegas, Nevada
Fallon, Nevada
Minden, Nevada
Elko, Nevada
Goldfield, Nevada
Winnemucca, Nevada
White Pine, Nevada
Pioche, Nevada
Yerington, Nevada
Hawthorne, Nevada

Tonopah Library
Pershing County Library
Storey County Library
White Pine County Library
Washoe County Library

Tonopah, Nevada Lovelock, Nevada Virginia City, Nevada Ely, Nevada Reno, 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 oral or written comment was offered.

# How other interested persons may obtain a copy of the public response to the regulations:

On file with the Board at the offices of the Board at 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 301, Reno, Nevada, is a complete transcript of the hearing conducted on the regulation change.

Any member of the public may visit the offices of the Board and may review any or the entire transcript referred to above. Also, any member of the public may request copies of the entire transcript of all the public comment by contacting the court reporter and requesting a copy.

The court reporter may be contacted at:

Bonanza Reporting 1111 Forest Street Reno, Nevada 89509 (775) 786-7655

# Persons who attended the workshop and hearing:

No public attendance or comment was offered.

# Persons who testified at the public hearing:

No public attendance or 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.