

PROPOSED 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, NRS 633.291, 633.471, as amended by section 2.5 of Assembly Bill No. 105, chapter 176, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 944, and 633.473, as amended by section 35 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter 605, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4421; §2, NRS 633.291, 633.434 and 633.473, as amended by section 35 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter 605, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4421.

A REGULATION relating to osteopathic medicine; requiring an osteopathic physician or physician assistant applying for renewal of his or her license to submit proof or attest to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine that he or she has completed certain continuing education requirements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Effective January 1, 2018, each osteopathic physician or physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances must, during each period of licensure, complete at least 2 hours of training relating to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction. (NRS 633.473, as amended by section 35 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter 605, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 4421) **Section 1** of this regulation requires each osteopathic physician applying for renewal of his or her license to attest to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine that he or she has completed such training. **Section 2** of this regulation requires each physician assistant applying for the renewal of his or her license to submit proof that he or she has completed such training.

Existing law requires the Board to require each osteopathic physician to receive at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness: (1) within 2 years after initial licensure; and (2) at least once every 4 years thereafter. (NRS 633.471, as amended by section 2.5 of Assembly Bill No. 105, chapter 176, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 944) **Section 1** requires each osteopathic physician to attest to the Board at appropriate intervals when applying for the renewal of his or her license that he or she has completed such training.

Section 1. NAC 633.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.250 1. Each osteopathic physician applying for renewal of his or her license shall ~~furnish~~ *attest to* the Board ~~proof~~ that he or she has attended during the preceding year at least 35 hours of continuing education courses or programs approved by the Board, *which must include* at least ~~10~~ :

(a) *Ten* hours of ~~which are~~ category 1A courses ~~1~~; *and*

(b) *Two hours that relate to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.*

2. *On or after July 1, 2018, each osteopathic physician shall, not later than 2 years after initial licensure and at least once every 4 years thereafter, attest to the Board when applying for renewal of his or her license that he or she has received the instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness required by NRS 633.471, as amended by section 2.5 of Assembly Bill No. 105, chapter 176, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 944.*

3. As used in this section, “category 1A course” means a course of continuing medical education that is offered by a sponsor accredited to offer such a course by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Sec. 2. NAC 633.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

633.285 1. The license of a physician assistant is valid for 1 year and may be renewed annually.

2. An application to renew a license of a physician assistant must be submitted to the Board not less than 30 days before the expiration of the license. The application must be accompanied

by the nonrefundable annual license renewal fee for a physician assistant prescribed in NAC 633.335.

3. A license of a physician assistant will not be renewed unless the physician assistant provides to the Board satisfactory proof of:

(a) Current certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants; and

(b) Completion by the physician assistant of at least 20 hours of continuing medical education as defined by the American Academy of Physician Assistants **+**, *at least 2 hours of which must relate to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.*

4. A physician assistant shall notify the Board within 10 days after receipt of notification that his or her certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants was withdrawn.

5. An expired license of a physician assistant will not be renewed unless:

(a) The requirements for renewal prescribed in this section are met; and

(b) The Executive Director approves the renewal.