

LCB File No. R058-00

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF
HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Regulations of the
Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners

The Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2000, at District Health Department, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada 89520. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption and amendment of regulations that pertain to chapter 630A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

The proposed adoption of Sections 2-7 is necessary to define certain terms.

The proposed adoption of Sections 8-10 is necessary to establish practice standards of homeopathic medicine and the integrative and alternative therapies contained in subsection 2 of NRS 630A.040.

The proposed adoption of Section 11 is necessary to define dispensing of homeopathic medicine, and integrative and/or alternative preparations by licensees as defined in NRS 630A.040.

The proposed adoption of Section 12 is necessary to define protocols and requirements pertaining to the use of intravenous hydrogen peroxide and intravenous EDTA chelation therapy.

The proposed adoption of Section 13 is necessary to obtain reports of malpractice settlements and judgments pertaining to licensees in order to protect the public.

The proposed adoption of Section 14 is necessary to establish an education oversight committee to monitor educational activities, training seminars, meetings, and materials used by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association for educating persons licensed and/or certified under chapter 630A of NRS.

The proposed adoption of Section 15 is necessary to define the requirement for a licensee to obtain a consultation with another provider of health care.

The proposed adoption of Section 16 is necessary to establish requirements for a homeopathic physician to supervise a person engaged in postgraduate work.

The proposed adoption of Section 17 is necessary to specify the continuing education required of licensees and/or certificate holders.

The proposed adoption of Section 18 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.010 to define terms.

The proposed adoption of Section 19 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.014 to define herbal therapy to mean “herbs,” “plants,” “herbal extracts,” and “plant extracts,” and to define “healing art” as it pertains to herbal therapy.

The proposed adoption of Section 20 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.060 to define the procedure for examining applicants for licensure and/or certification to practice homeopathic medicine in Nevada.

The proposed adoption of Section 21 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.072 to accept postgraduate training courses and/or programs approved by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association.

The proposed adoption of Section 22 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.560 to establish the procedure and grounds for disciplinary action against an advanced practitioner of homeopathy and/or a homeopathic assistant.

The proposed adoption of Section 23 is necessary to amend NAC 630A.570 to establish the procedure and grounds for disciplinary action against an advanced practitioner of homeopathy and/or a homeopathic assistant.

The proposed adoption of Section 24 is necessary to repeal NAC 630A.095, NAC 630A.340 and NAC 630A.440.

The adoption or amendment of these regulations will not create an adverse or a beneficial economic effect on the public or upon homeopathic physicians, or upon advanced practitioners of homeopathy, or upon homeopathic assistants regulated.

There are no immediate or long-term economic effects of the adoption or amendment of these regulations anticipated with respect to the public, homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of homeopathy, or homeopathic assistants.

The Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners will have no additional costs incurred to administer the regulations adopted. Enforcement of the regulations can be accomplished through present resources at no additional cost to the Board. In the event any unknown or unanticipated cost does occur, the cost would be assumed by the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners from its fees charged to homeopathic physicians, advanced practitioners of homeopathy, and homeopathic assistants, as the Board receives no appropriated funds from the state of Nevada.

The proposed adoption or amendment of these regulations do not overlap or duplicate

any regulations of other state or local agencies, nor do they overlap or duplicate a federal regulation, nor are they required pursuant to federal law.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners 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 Homeopathic Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 34329, Las Vegas, Nevada 89133-4329. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners on or before June 19, 2000. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted and amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 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 adopted and amended will be available at the office of the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners, 2810 W. Charleston Boulevard, Suite F-55, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, and in all counties in which an office of the agency 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 proposed regulation 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 of this notice and the proposed regulation 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 thirty (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 its adoption.

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

Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners, 2810 W. Charleston Blvd.,
Ste. F-55, Las Vegas, Nevada
Las Vegas Office of the State Attorney General, Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East
Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
Carson City Office of the State Attorney General, 100 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada
Washoe County Courthouse, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada
Reno City Hall, 490 S. Center, Reno, Nevada
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 630A.200, 630A.295, 630A.299

Section 1. Chapter 630A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *Standards of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative practice:*

1. Prohibited professional practice: a person who is licensed as a homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician, certified as an advanced practitioner of homeopathy, or certified as a homeopathic assistant shall not:

(a) Falsify records of health care and/or insurance/third party payer;

(b) Falsify medical records of a patient so as to indicate the licensee's presence at a time when he was not in attendance or falsify those records to indicate that procedures were performed by him which were in fact not performed by him;

(c) Render professional service to a patient while the homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician, advanced practitioner of homeopathy or homeopathic assistant is under the influence of alcohol and/or any controlled substance, or is in any way impaired mental or physical condition;

(d) Acquire any controlled substances from any pharmacy or other source by misrepresentation, fraud, deception or subterfuge;

(e) Allow any person who is unlicensed and/or uncertified as defined in NRS 630A.015,

630A.035, and 630A.050 to treat a patient by means of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative therapies listed in NRS 630A.040, and interpreted in ANC 630A.014, 630A.015, 630A.020, 630A.022, and 630A.023;

(f) Fail to provide adequate supervision of a homeopathic assistant who is employed or supervised by the homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician and/or advanced practitioner of homeopathy;

(g) Fail as a supervising physician to provide adequate supervision of an advanced practitioner of homeopathy;

(h) Fail to honor the advanced directive of a patient without informing the patient or the surrogate or guardian of the patient, and without documenting in the patient's records the reasons for failing to honor the advance directive of the patient contained therein;

(i) Fail to adequately prescribe therapies and/or substances allowed in NRS 630A.040 for the control of pain in accordance with prevailing standards of acceptable practice of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine;

(j) Engage in the practice of writing prescriptions for controlled substances to treat acute, chronic, and/or intractable pain in a manner that deviates from the prevailing standards of acceptable practice of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine; and/or

(k) Enter into a multi-level or pyramid marketing agreement with a patient or their immediate family members.

2. A homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician is not subject to disciplinary action solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing to a patient under his care:

(a) Amygdalin (laetrile), if the patient has consented in writing to the use of the substance;

(b) Procaine hydrochloride with preservatives and stabilizers (Gerovital H3);

(c) A controlled substance or controlled substance analog which is listed in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the U.S. (HPUS), Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Revision Service (USHPRS) and/or by the state board of pharmacy pursuant to NRS 453.146, if the controlled substance is lawfully prescribed or administered for treatment in accordance with accepted standards for the practice of homeopathic, and/or integrative/alternative therapies as defined in NRS 630A.040;

(d) The “off label” use of United States Federal Drug Administration approved devices or agents when said device or agent has not been scientifically proven to be of greater morbidity and/or mortality than the prevailing method of treatment, is within the scope of practice of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative therapies as defined in NRS 630A.040, if the patient has consented in writing to the use of the device or agent;

(e) Integrative/alternative methods of practice included within the scope of NRS 630A, when said method of practice has not been scientifically proven to be of greater morbidity and/or mortality than the prevailing method of treatment, and the use is within the scope of practice of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative therapies as defined in NRS 630A.040;

(f) Homeopathic therapy, non-invasive electrodiagnostic therapy, neural therapy, herbal therapy, neuromuscular integration, orthomolecular therapy and/or nutrition for the treatment of chronic degenerative disease, cancer and/or intractable pain; and/or

(g) Preventive or early intervention using homeopathic integrative and/or alternative therapies.

3. As used in this section “Controlled substance analog” means:

(a) A substance whose chemical structure is substantially similar to the structure of a controlled substance listed in schedule III pursuant to NAC 453.530; or

(b) A substance that is substantially similar to, or greater than, the stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a person treated with a controlled substance listed in schedule III pursuant to NAC 453.530, and which has, is represented as having, or is intended to have a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a person.

Sec. 3. *Licensee licensed by another Nevada state board who limits his practice.*

1. An NRS 630A licensee who is also licensed pursuant to NRS 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 634A, 635, 636, 638, 639, 640, 640A, 640B, or 641 who elects to voluntarily limit his practice to activities allowed under NRS 630A.040 must:

(a) Notify each patient and obtain a signed consent as to his choice of practice; and

(b) May file a sample copy of said informed consent form with the board.

Sec. 4. *Practitioner dispensing: the following methods, techniques and/or activities are recognized as generally accepted practices among the various modern schools of homeopathy and do not constitute unprofessional conduct:*

1. The use of classical, clinical and/or energetic methods of homeopathic prescribing;

2. The use of homeopathic medicines:

(a) Prescribed in single, alternating, sequential and/or combination fashion; and

(b) Varying in strength from material doses and tinctures through low, medium, high and ultra-high potencies;

3. Practitioner prescribing based on history, physical, classical repertorization, clinical keynotes, genius epidemicus, case essence, constitutional type, organotropic similarity, tiotropic similarity, pathotropic similarity, miasmatic tendency, electrodiagnostic differentiation, clinical microscopy, laboratory evaluation, and/or a combination of these methods; and

4. Homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician dispensing of homeopathic medicines, and integrative and/or alternative preparations as defined in NRS 630A.040(2) is traditional and accepted practice.

Sec. 5. *Use of intravenous hydrogen peroxide and intravenous EDTA chelating therapy.*

1. Any licensee employing the use of intravenous hydrogen peroxide and/or intravenous EDTA chelation in the treatment of a patient must:

(a) Follow the protocol for the administration of intravenous hydrogen peroxide published by the International Oxidative Medicine Association; and/or

(b) Follow the protocol for the safe and affective administration of intravenous EDTA Chelation therapy published by the American College for Advancement in Medicine; and/or

(c) Provide an individualized protocol, or protocols, which must be approved by the board.

2. A licensed RN, HMD, MD, DO, certified advanced practitioner, or certified homeopathic assistant must be continuously on the premise while any patient is receiving intravenous hydrogen peroxide or intravenous chelation therapy.

Sec. 6. *“Intractable pain” interpreted.*

“Intractable pain” means a condition of discomfort for which the cause cannot be removed or otherwise treated and for which a method of providing relief, or which a cure for the cause, has not been found after reasonable efforts have been taken in accordance with accepted standards for the practice of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine, including, but not limited to, evaluation by an attending homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician and one or more physicians specializing in the treatment of the area, system, or organ of the body which is believed to be the source of the discomfort.

Sec. 7. *Malpractice settlements of judgments.*

The licensee must report all malpractice settlements or judgments to the board within 60 days of occurrence.

Sec. 8. *Education oversight committee.*

A committee consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer and two persons selected by the Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- 1. Monitor the educational activities, quality of training seminars, meetings, and materials used by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association for educating persons licensed and/or certified under NRS 630A; and*
- 2. Annually provide the board in January with information and recommendations based upon the findings of the committee.*

Sec. 9. *Disciplinary action against an advanced practitioner of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine or a homeopathic assistant; procedure.*

1. To institute a disciplinary action against an advanced practitioner of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine or a homeopathic assistant, a written complaint, specifying the charges, must be filed with the board by:

- (a) The board;*
- (b) Any member of the board; or*
- (c) Any other person who is aware of any act or circumstance constituting a ground for disciplinary action set forth in the regulations adopted by the board.*

2. Before taking any formal action on a complaint filed against an advanced practitioner of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medicine or a homeopathic assistant, the board shall provide the supervising physician, advanced practitioner and/or homeopathic assistant with a copy of the complaint.

3. If, pursuant to disciplinary procedures set forth in the regulations adopted by the board, the board finds that the charges in the complaint against the advanced practitioner or homeopathic assistant are false, the board may provide the supervising physician, advanced practitioner and/or homeopathic assistant with a copy of the complaint, including the name of the person, if any, who filed the complaint.

Sec. 10. *Consultation with another provider of health care.*

A homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative physician shall seek consultation with another provider of health care in doubtful or difficult cases whenever it appears that consultation may enhance the quality of homeopathic, integrative and/or alternative medical services.

Sec. 11. NAC 630A.014 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 630A.014 Interpretation of terms used in NRS 630A.040.

1. As used in NRS 630A.040, unless the context otherwise requires, the board will interpret:

(a) “Herbal therapy” to mean ~~the~~:

(I) The prescribing and use of herbs, herbal extracts, plants, plant extracts or a combination thereof to treat ~~a condition of the patient~~ any ailment or disease of the mind, emotions, body, or for the cure or relief of any wound, bodily injury or deformity and is further defined as:

(I) “Herbs” means specific plants or parts of specific plants valued for their medicinal qualities;

(II) “Plants” means any tree, vine, shrub, or herb;

(III) “Herbal extracts” and “plant extracts” mean substances removed from plants by physical or chemical means for medicinal purposes, which are used individually or in

combination; and

(2) A system of healing art which places the chief emphasis on the flow and balance of dynamic force or energy in the body mechanism as being the most important single factor in maintaining the natural health and well-being of the living organism.

(b) “Neural therapy” to mean the injection of vitamins, minerals, homeopathic medications, herbal extracts or other medicinal or pharmaceutical preparations into the:

- (1) Acupuncture, acupressure or trigger points; or
- (2) Ganglia,

of a patient to control pain or produce other beneficial effects.

(c) “Neuromuscular integration” to mean the progressive harmonization of the body and mind of a patient by the use of:

- (1) Manual manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to balance the body structurally;
- and
- (2) Thought field therapy to recondition the nervous system.

(d) “Orthomolecular therapy” to mean the treatment and prevention of disease, including, without limitation, infection, malignancy and degenerative illness, by adjusting the natural chemical constituents of the body on the molecular level. The term includes, without limitation:

- (1) The prescription of topical and oral supplements and pharmaceutical preparations; and
 - (2) The intravenous infusion of vitamins, amino acids, peptides, polypeptides, pharmaceutical preparations, homeopathic medications, ozone, bio-oxidative substances or chelating agents,
- to detoxify and remove harmful substances from the body, including, without limitation, heavy metals, the buildup of vascular and arterial plaque and toxic environmental factors, including,

without limitation, pesticides, xenobiotics, bacteria and fungi.

(e) “Nutrition” to mean the recognition, evaluation, treatment and correction of the unique dietary needs of a patient.

2. As used in this section:

(a) “Bio-oxidative substances” means substances that are used to promote healing at the cellular level by the use of oxygen in its various forms.

(b) “Chelating agents” means substances that are used to promote healing at the cellular level by the use of oxygen in its various forms.

(1) Sodium 2,3-dimercaptopropane-1-sulfonate (DMPS);

(2) Dimercaptosuccinic acid (DMSA);

(3) Ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA); and

(4) Penicillamine.

(c) “Pharmaceutical preparations” does not include narcotic drugs or opiates that are listed as schedule II controlled substances pursuant to chapter 453 of NRS, except as those substances may be described for use in the official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States.

(d) “Thought field therapy” means a technique that uses the energy meridians of the body which are used in acupuncture and acupressure to treat emotional and psychological distress.

(e) “Trigger point” means a hyperirritable spot within the skeletal muscle or the fascia of that muscle that, upon compression, causes pain, tenderness and autonomic phenomena.

(f) “Xenobiotics” means chemical compounds that, under normal circumstances, are foreign to living organisms.

Sec. 12. NAC 630A.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.060 Examination to practice homeopathic, *integrative and/or alternative* medicine:

Frequency of administration; requirements for eligibility; contents; notification; materials acceptable for use during portion of examination; standards for passing.

1. The board will administer an examination to practice homeopathic medicine at least two times each year at the dates and times established by the board. An applicant for a license to practice homeopathic medicine must submit the application required pursuant to NAC 630A.050 to the secretary-treasurer of the board not later than 60 days before the date scheduled for the examination to be eligible to take that examination.

2. The ~~[examination will consist]~~ *candidate must choose to be examined by means* of a written ~~[examination]~~ and an oral examination ~~[-. The written examination will include a closed-book portion and an open-book portion as directed by the board.]~~ *from one of the following:*

(a) An examination based on only classical homeopathic principles, which will include:

(1) A closed book portion; and

(2) An open-book portion; or

(b) An examination that will include the following in equal portions:

(1) Clinical-energetic homeopathic medicine, which will include;

(I) A closed book portion;

(II) An open-book portion; and

(2) The integrative/alternative therapies in NRS 630A.040(2).

3. The secretary-treasurer shall notify the applicant of the time and place of the examination not later than 20 days before the date scheduled for the examination.

4. Any book, note, *computer*, or other material approved by the board *for the examination based upon classical homeopathic principles and/or clinical-energetic homeopathic medicine* may be used during the open-book portion of the written examination.

5. To pass the examination, an applicant must receive:
 - (a) A score of at least 75 percent on the written examination; and
 - (b) A passing score on the oral examination, which will be graded on a pass or fail basis.

Sec. 13. NAC 630A.072 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.072 Postgraduate training: Approval of courses or programs.

1. The 6 months of postgraduate training in homeopathy required of an applicant for a license to practice homeopathic medicine, *integrative and/or alternative therapies* pursuant to NRS 630A.240 must consist of courses or programs which are approved by the *Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association, the* Council of Homeopathic Education, or the board. In determining whether to approve a course or program which has not been approved by the Council of homeopathic Education, the board will consider:

(a) The reasons, if any, why the course or program is not approved by the Council of Homeopathic Education;

(b) The textbooks and other instructional aids used in the course or program;

(c) The institution offering the course or program;

(d) The qualifications of the instructor teaching the course or program; and

(e) Whether the course or program includes instruction on:

(1) The homeopathic principles referred to in NRS 630A.040;

(2) The procedure for intake of information on a patient;

(3) The procedure for identifying an appropriate remedy from the repertory of homeopathic remedies based upon the information elicited from the patient;

(4) Homeopathic pharmacology; and

(5) The methodology of prescribing homeopathic medicine.

2. The board may revoke approval of a course or program it has previously approved if it determines that the course or program no longer complies with the considerations set forth in subsection 1.

3. The board will maintain an updated list for the public of the courses or programs approved by the Council of Homeopathic Education or the board.

4. If an applicant for a license to practice homeopathic medicine has completed a course or program that has not been approved by the Council of Homeopathic Education or the board, he may submit the course or program to the board for approval. The board will review the course or program based upon the considerations set forth in subsection 1. If the board approves the course or program, the applicant will receive credit for the postgraduate training.

Sec. 14. NAC 630A.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.095 Continuing education: General requirements; exemption; failure to comply.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, each licensee applying for renewal of his license ~~[shall]~~ *must*, at the time of annual registration, *maintain active membership in the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association, show evidence of having attended the annual educational conference of the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association, and* ~~[]~~ submit to the board evidence in such form as the board requires, that he has completed during the preceding year:

- (a) Ten *credits* ~~[hours]~~ of continuing education in allopathic or osteopathic medicine; and
- (b) Ten *credits* ~~[hours]~~ of continuing education in homeopathic medicine *and integrative/alternative therapies* as defined in *NRS 630A.040*.

2. Each educational program offered for credit in continuing education must:

- (a) For credit in homeopathic medicine *and integrative/alternative therapies*, be approved by

the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association, or by the board;

(b) For credit in allopathic medicine, ~~offer Category 1 credit as recognized by the American Medical Association~~ *be approved by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association or the board* to the holder of the license; and

(c) For credit in osteopathic medicine, offer Category 1A credit as recognized by the American Osteopathic Association, *or be approved by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical association of the board* to the holder of the license.

3. A licensee who has completed a full year of residency or fellowship in allopathic, osteopathic or homeopathic medicine any time during the period for annual registration immediately preceding the submission of the application for annual registration is exempt from the requirements set forth in subsection 1.

4. If a licensee fails to submit evidence of his completion of continuing medical education within the time and in the manner set forth in subsection 1, his license will not be renewed. Such a person may not resume the practice of homeopathic medicine, *integrative and/or alternative therapies as defined in NRS 630A.040* unless he:

(a) Pays a fee to the board which is twice the fee for annual registration set forth in subsection 1 of NAC 630A.120;

(b) Submits to the board, in such form as it requires, evidence that he has completed 20 *credits* ~~hours~~ of continuing medical education required by subsection 1; and

(c) Is found by the board to be otherwise qualified for active status pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and chapter 630A of NRS.

5. A licensee not actively practicing in Nevada the preceding 12 months prior to renewal of registration is exempt from mandatory active membership in the Nevada Homeopathic and

Integrative Medical Association and from annual attendance at the annual educational conference of the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association.

Sec. 15. NAC 630A.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.340 Continuing education.

A homeopathic assistant shall complete not less than 10 *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of continuing education each year from a course approved by the board *or the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association*. Not less than 8 *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of the continuing education must teach principles of homeopathy, *integrative and/or alternative therapies as defined in NRS 630A.040*.

Sec. 16. NAC 630A.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.440 Continuing education.

An advanced practitioner of homeopathy shall complete not less than 20 *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of continuing education each year which must consist of:

1. Ten *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of training in allopathic medicine from a course recognized ~~{for category 1 credit by the American Medical Association}~~ *by the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association or the board*, or 10 *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of training in osteopathic medicine from a course recognized for category 1A credit by the American Osteopathic Association *or the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association*; and
2. Ten *credits* ~~{hours}~~ of training in homeopathic medicine *and integrative/alternative therapies* from a course approved by the board, *or the Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association*, or complete attendance and participation in the annual convention of the *Nevada Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association* ~~{Nevada Association of Homeopathic Physicians}~~.