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Notice of proposed changes relating to training requirements, board discretion to delegate authority to staff or a person designated by the board to issue license or temporary permits, checklists, board meetings, code of ethics, and standards for delegation of routine medical duties in the regulations of the State Medical Board

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 40.023. The proposed regulations changes the postgraduate training requirements for podiatrist applicants from one-year surgical residency program to a two-year surgical residency program. This is similar to the postgraduate training requirements for physician licenses, and reflects changes implemented in 2011 by the accrediting body. Council on Podiatric Medical Education. It also includes a grandfather clause for those who graduated from programs prior to the change.

12 AAC 40.035, .036, .038, .045, .058, .355, .405, and .910. The proposed regulations for these sections gives the board discretion to delegate authority to the executive administrator to grant full licenses and temporary permits to applicant meeting certain requirements, and to delegate to the medical licensing supervisor the authority to grant temporary permits to applicant meeting certain requirements, to implement changes made in Chapter 45 SLA 2018 (HB 280).

12 AAC 40.905. The proposed regulations establishes criteria for board meetings in regulations as opposed to board issued guidelines.

12 AAC 40.920. The proposed regulations establishes standards and conditions under which a licensed physician, osteopath, podiatrist, or physician assistant may delegate the performance of routine medical duties to their assistive personnel. There is currently no scope of practice for medical assistants. Legislation has recently been enacted authorizing the board to adopt regulations to set standards for the delegation of such

routine medical duties to unlicensed assistive personnel, to implement changes made in Chapter 45 SLA 2018 (HB 280).

12 AAC 40.955. The proposed regulations adopts the current versions of the Codes of Ethics for licensed physicians, osteopaths, podiatrists, physician assistants, and mobile intensive care paramedics, to implement current code of ethics that the board adopts by reference.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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