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Notice of proposed changes relating to licensure requirements for foreign medical graduates, acceptable examinations, approved postgraduate training program, telehealth practice for physician assistants, and unprofessional conduct 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 40.010, .015, .016, .021, and .040. The proposed regulations removes the requirements that an unaccredited foreign medical school must be recognized by the Medical Board of California; replaces it with requirements for Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification, additional accredited postgraduate training, examination requirements, and listing in the International Medical Education Directory. The requirements for an unaccredited foreign medical school must be recognized by the Medical Board of California has resulted in a barrier to licensure for some qualified physicians; this change is consistent with many other state licensing requirements, including new requirements in California, as well as the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

12 AAC 40.940 and 12 AAC 40.967. The proposed regulations will add telehealth practice to physician assistants; restore additional exceptions to the physical examination requirement for certain emergency treatments, to implement changes made in Chapter 18, SLA 2019 (Senate Bill 44).

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.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.