



Notice of Proposed Changes 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; 12 AAC 40.015; 12 AAC 40.025; 12 AAC 40.033; 12 AAC 40.036; 12 AAC 40.045; 12 AAC 40.046; 12 AAC 40.050

- The proposed changes to these sections will remove the requirements for original letters of verification of hospital privileges, federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) clearances, and American Medical Association (AMA) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Physician Profiles for both initial licensure and renewals.
- These changes will simplify and expedite the current licensure process for physicians.
- To replace these requirements, the board proposes regulations to require disclosures, statements, and attestations from the applicant regarding disciplinary actions taken against the applicant, and revoked or restricted DEA registration information.

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

There are no known costs to implement these changes.

3. What are the positive and negative consequences of the proposed regulations?

These changes will have a positive effect. The proposed changes will significantly decrease the amount of time it takes to compile a complete application for licensure. There will be a cost-savings for some applicants due to the proposed elimination of the requirement of an AMA profile – there is a fee associated with the request of this currently required document that the applicant must pay in order to have this document sent to the Alaska board on their behalf.

There are no known negative consequences associated with these changes.

4. What other tools will the Medical Board use to screen physicians if these requirements are eliminated?

The Medical Board currently utilizes reports from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Physician Data Bank (NPDB) to screen and verify the information reported by the applicant on their application. Together, the FSMB and NPDB profiles contain the same information that is provided on the AMA and DEA profiles and verification of hospital privilege questionnaires. Maintaining both requirements serves to provide duplicative collateral information which is redundant and time consuming for both the applicant and board staff to manage.

5. When will the regulations be effective?

After the 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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