

## **Mission Statement**

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans by ensuring that veterinarian practitioners possess and maintain a level of skill and knowledge necessary to provide safe, competent professional veterinary services to consumers and to protect the public from veterinary practitioners who pose a risk to the public's health, safety, and welfare.

## RED- new suggested changes

12 AAC 68.910. MEDICAL RECORDS. (a) A licensed veterinarian or veterinary medical facility shall maintain and complete ~~and~~ legible individual record on every client or patient consultation within 24-48 hours. The identity of the author of all medical records shall be clearly noted by veterinary staff, **including if AI (Artificial Intelligence) assistance is used.**

(b) A licensee or veterinary staff shall accurately record the following information on each animal's medical record accompanied by a signature or initials:

(i) the owner's and any authorized individuals, address, telephone number(s), or other contact information;

(ii) the animal's name, any applicable identification number(s), species, breed, date of birth, sex, color, markings and current weight;

(iii) the date, presenting complaint, accompanying individual, pertinent history, examination findings, and a plan for diagnostics, treatment and care;

(1) Examination findings include: temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, and general condition of the animal, including but not limited to documentation of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, oral cavity, respiratory system including auscultation of the thorax, palpation of the abdomen, lymph nodes, and evaluation of musculoskeletal, neurological, genito/urinary systems except for cases of herd health (e.g. livestock, poultry, sled dogs, fish) or in situations that make the examination unreasonable or potentially detrimental to the animal or examiner

(iv) appropriate information to justify any tentative diagnosis and to warrant any treatment at the time of data entry on the record;

(v) all vaccines administered;

(vi) all diagnostics and interpretation, including laboratory, imaging, necropsy, etc.;

- (1) Appropriate labeling shall include name of animal, name of owner, date performed, veterinarian, and anatomical location on imaging.
- (viii) all professional consultation reports;
- (ix) all signed **informed** consent forms, including **use of AI**, anesthesia, surgery, euthanasia, necropsy **and waivers of recommended medical plan or AI**.
- (x) all treatments provided, including medical, anesthesia, surgical, and dental procedures;
- (1) all medication given including the date, dosage, route of administration, frequency, and if applicable duration of treatment and refills;
- (2) medication dispensed or prescribed as specified AS 68.900
- (xi) Daily progress, if relevant, and disposition of case;
- (xv) all changes in medication or doses, including changes made by telephone;
- (xvi) all client communications; and
- (xvii) all discharge instructions;
- (1) Medical records for a litter may be recorded either on the dam's record or on a litter record until the individual animals are permanently placed or reach the age of three (3) months.
- (2) Medical records for herd health as specified in 12 AAC 68.910(b)(iii)(1) may be maintained on a per client basis.
- (3) A Veterinarian shall not, with fraudulent intent, create a false record, make a false statement, alter or modify any medical record, document, or report concerning treatment of a Patient. When correcting a medical record, the original content should be readable, and the alteration must be clearly identified as an addendum with the reason, date and author's name.
- (d) Original patient medical records as defined in 12 AAC 68.910(b) must be retained by the veterinary medical facility or licensed veterinarian who prepared them. It is the responsibility of the veterinary medical facility or licensed veterinarian to safeguard patient and client information against loss, tampering, or use by unauthorized persons.

(e) Copies of a licensee's record or a summary report of the record, and copies of all data and papers pertaining to a particular patient must be furnished to the patient's owner, designated veterinarian, or duly authorized representative within 5 days after a written request by the owner or duly authorized representative, or within a shorter time if necessary for the care of the patient. A reasonable fee to cover the cost of preparing or obtaining the copies may be charged, but the records may not be withheld because of an outstanding balance due to the licensee.

(f) Patient medical records may not be released to a third party without the written consent of the patient's owner or authorized representative, except when

(1) Access to the records is specifically required by a state or federal statute;

(2) An order by a court with jurisdiction in a civil or criminal action upon the court's issuance of a subpoena and notice to the client or the client's legal representative;

(3) As part of an inspection or investigation conducted by the board or an agent of the board; and

(4) As part of a request from a regulatory or health authority, physician, or veterinarian

(5) information on spaying, neutering, or rabies vaccination may be released to public health and animal control agencies without written consent; and

(6) copies of records or case summaries may be sent to other veterinarians, veterinary medical facilities, and public health agencies requiring the information for therapeutic, statistical, or other medical purposes without written consent.

(g) Unless released to the client, patient medical records must be retained by the veterinary medical facility or licensed veterinarian for a minimum of five years after the last contact with the animal. Records may be disposed of by tearing, shredding, burning, or electronic disposal, so that the records are totally destroyed.

**New suggested changes in red:**

12 AAC 68.080. TREATMENT OF PATIENTS. (A) A licensed veterinarian shall exercise the degree of care, skill, and diligence in treating patients that is ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by members of the veterinary medical profession in the community in which the veterinarian practices. Failure to comply with this section constitutes incompetence for the purpose of AS 08.98.235

(B) Before providing a veterinary medical service, a veterinarian shall ensure that the patient's owner or documented authorized representative is provided an estimate of the cost for the veterinary medical service (except in the case of livestock) and the opportunity to opt in or out of the AI use through informed consent.

(C) If general anesthesia is administered or surgery is performed on an animal by a veterinarian, the veterinarian shall ensure:

(1) A prior signed authorization is obtained from the animal owner or if the owner is not present, a verbal authorization over the phone witnessed by one other individual and documented in the medical record is acceptable.

(2) Within twelve (12) hours before anesthesia is administered or surgery is performed, the animal is examined and all parameters specified in 12 AAC 68.910(b)(iii)(1) are documented.

(3) An Anesthesia Log is part of the medical record and shall include the animal's name, date of anesthesia, veterinarian performing the procedure. It begins with initial medication administered and ends at extubation of the animal.

(i) It may include temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, capillary refill time and oxygen levels and must be recorded every 15 minutes.

(ii) A minimum of heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature must be recorded every 15 minutes.

(iii) The animal is continuously observed by veterinary staff until the animal is extubated and able to swallow.

12 AAC 68.140. EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES. (A) A veterinarian shall establish a method by which veterinary services will be available to patients in cases of emergency.

(B) A veterinarian shall ensure that a notice of where veterinary medical services may be obtained when the veterinary medical premises is not open for business with a:

(1) Voicemail and posted sign of the veterinary medical premises that contains the name, telephone number, and address of a veterinarian or veterinary medical premises that is available to provide veterinary medical services. Livestock veterinarians are exempt from providing an address.

#### 12 AAC 68.310. VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Repealed 4/29/93.

(b) The board will, in its discretion, license a person as a veterinary technician who

(1) submits a completed application on the form provided by the department;

(2) pays the application and license fees established in 12 AAC 02.350;

(3) has passed the examination required in 12 AAC 68.315;

(4) documents the required education and training by providing

(A) official transcripts showing successful completion of a veterinary technician training program

accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, or another **equivalent** certification process approved by the board; or

(B) employment verification forms completed by the supervising veterinarian verifying that the applicant has been working at least 700 hours a year for at least two of the previous three years immediately preceding the date of application, of which one year must be within this state; but a technician who is currently licensed in another state and meets the employment verification requirements listed in this subparagraph is not required to work for one year within this state;

(5) on a form provided by the department, submits three letters of professional reference completed by persons familiar with the applicant's education or training as a veterinary technician stating that the applicant is

professionally competent, reliable, and worthy of confidence; at least two letters of reference must be completed by veterinarians licensed in this state or another jurisdiction; if the applicant graduated from a veterinary technician training program within the two years immediately preceding the date of application, letters of professional reference from instructors at the applicant's veterinary technician training program may be substituted for the letters of professional reference from veterinarians; a letter of professional reference must be sent directly to the department from the person completing the professional reference;

(6) submits any other documentation that the board determines is necessary to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this section; and

(7) submits verification of licensure as a veterinary technician from each state where the applicant holds or has ever held a veterinary technician license.

**\*\* Other areas in ALL other regulations that need changes for the use of AI \*\***

Division or Corporate Agency	Project Priority Number	Drafting Assistance Requested?	Timeline for Submission	Regulation Citation	Relevant Board/Program	Nature of the Regulation	Summary of the Intended Changes	Explanation of Intended Changes	Proposed Regulatory Reduction	Percentage of Regulatory Reduction	Date of Anticipated Reduction
	1 is the highest priority for the division, 2-5 is the lowest. Projects are grouped by number according to the division or agency that will be submitting to VCPH for regulatory review.	Indicate whether your staff requires drafting assistance from the Department of Law.	Indicate whether your staff is the lead for submitting and revised regulations to the Board.	Cite the regulation you intend to change. Can also be a section of related regulations.	List the board/program the regulation relates to, if relevant.	Briefly describe what the regulation or action currently does.	Briefly describe what you plan to change.	Focus on the change that will be reduced, temporarily, ease of government operation, or other reforms. If the project does not meet those goals, explain why it is necessary for protection of public safety or standards, compliance with legislation, or other goal.	Indicate the number of reduction from your baseline that you plan to achieve with this change. This number is calculated as a percentage of 2024 cost of a full-time employee number (for the purpose of the formula in column 9).	State the percentage of estimated reduction from your original baseline. This may be calculated using a simple cost formula such as "baseline of \$100" where a 10% reduction equals a \$10 reduction. This equals the column 9 percentage. See sample below.	Date whether you anticipate this reduction will be achieved in 2024 or 2025.
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.010(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an application. Requires it be on a department form.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	2	No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.010(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires submission of "any other documentation the board deems necessary".	Repeat entirely.	Removes a requirement that doesn't have an established method of meeting its regulation and therefore gives the board no legal authority to enforce.	-1	-0.00445286	2026
CBPL	1.2	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.015(b)(1)-(4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires the state examination for licensure by examination and licensure by credentials and states the subjects the state written examination will cover.	Language changed to transfer state exam administration to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.	Clean up redundant language and take an administrative burden off division staff. Changes to 68.015(b) transfers state exam administration responsibility to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards rendering the language here null and void.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.2	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.015(c)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Covers how the state exam will be administered by the department and the deadline for completion.	Repeat entirely.		-5	-0.02202442	2026
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.035(a)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an application and requires it be on a form provided by the department.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	2	No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.035(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires submission of any other documentation the board deems necessary for licensure.	Repeat entirely.	Removes language that has unclear requirements.	-1	-0.00445286	2026
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.040	Board of Veterinary Examiners	States an application for a license is on the same form used for the application by examination.	Repeat entirely.	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.041(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Covers requirements for submitting a courtesy license application.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	2	No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.041(c)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	States that a courtesy veterinary license is valid for 30 days.	Expand to include "or 90 days if needed for an emergency".	Allows for more accessible veterinary care in case of emergency by allowing state veterinarians to practice in the state longer.	1	0.00445286	2026
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.041(d)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Allows application deadline to be waived for emergencies.	Remove "notarized copy".	Removes outdated language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.045(a)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an application and requires it be on a department form.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.045(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a notarized diploma from an accredited school, or an official transcript, or passage of ECPV/PFAVE.	Remove "notarized copy".	Removes outdated language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.045(a)(4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a signed statement from the supervising veterinarian, on a form provided by the department.	Remove "of at least 90 percent".	Removes redundant language as a passing score is over 90%.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.046(a)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a completed application on a form from the department with signatures.	Remove "on a form provided by the department, including the signatures of both the applicant and the licensee".	Removes redundant language.	-2	-0.00810573	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.046(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a notarized diploma from an accredited school or transcript or ECPV or PFAVE or other certification process as approved by the board.	Remove "notarized".	Removes outdated language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	3	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.047(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires application when license is lapsed more than 60 days but less than 2 years.	Change 12AAC 68.350 to read 12AAC 02.350	Correcting a typo.	0	0	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.047(a)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an application and requires it be on a department form.	Remove "and requires it be on a department form".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.047(c)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an application and requires it be on a department form.	Remove "and requires it be on a department form".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.047(d)(2)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires the applicable license removed and delayed renewal penalty fees established in 12 AAC 02.350.	Remove language that lists each fee required and reduce with "all applicable license fees".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00445286	2027
CBPL	5	No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.048(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires applicant provide information on anything disclosed in (a) and that it come directly from the appropriate authorities.	Remove language "about any administrative, civil, or criminal action listed".	Decreases wording of regulation.	0	0	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(a)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Remove word "separate".	No change.	0	0	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.		1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(c)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Introduces the section on what a veterinarian shall do if general anesthesia is administered or surgery is performed on an animal.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	0	0	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Covers how to obtain authorization if anesthesia needs to be used or surgery needs to be performed.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(2)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	If anesthesia is to be used or surgery performed, the veterinarian must examine the animal at least 12 hours prior and document all requirements specified under 12 AAC 68.510(b)(3)(A).	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	2	0.00810573	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Covers when an anesthesia log begins and ends, and what must be in it.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	2	0.00810573	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(3A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Covers what may also be in the log and requires documentation every 15 minutes.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(3B)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Requires heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature to be recorded every 15 minutes.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	1.4	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.080(d)(3C)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Requires animal to be continuously observed by veterinary staff until extubation.	Expand treatment of patients regulation, establishing clearer guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.	1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	3	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.140(a)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Previously 12 AAC 68.140, (a) added to accommodate new subsections. Requires veterinarian to establish a method by which veterinary services will be available to patients in cases of emergency.	No change.	No change.	0	0	2027
CBPL	3	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.140(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Requires veterinarian to give notice that of where veterinary medical services may be obtained when they are closed.	Improves access to emergency care.	1	0.00445286	2027
CBPL	3	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.140(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires veterinarian to give an estimate of costs prior to care. Has exceptions for livestock and includes AI situation.	Requirements for giving notice. Includes livestock exemption.	Improves access to emergency care.	3	0.01211589	2027
CBPL	3	No	Spring 2027	12 AAC 68.140	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a veterinarian to report to the division incidents believed to be violations of laws regulating the practice of veterinary medicine.	Replace "believed to be" with "that are".	Establishes clear expectations and removes cause for questioning intent.	0	0	2027
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(a)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Remove "and has instructed the client on course of therapy appropriate to the circumstance".	Language change, part of larger VCPH regulation project that has been going on for several years with the goal of clarifying VCPH requirements and allowing another veterinarian to treat a patient when the established veterinarian is not available. Requirement already exists in 12 AAC 68.215(d)(1), new language requires plan be in collaboration with the client, improving patient care.	-1	-0.00445286	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(a)(4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Replace with requirements to establish a course of therapy with the client.		1	0.00445286	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(a)(5) [previously 4]	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Language previously in subsection 4 that has been moved which requires a veterinarian to provide oversight of treatment and be readily available to provide or has provided follow-up medical care as part of the VCPH.	No change to requirements, subsection moved due to addition of new subsection.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(a)(6) [previously 5]	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Language previously in subsection 5 that has been moved which requires a veterinarian to provide oversight of treatment and be readily available to provide or has provided follow-up medical care as part of the VCPH.	No change to requirements, subsection moved due to addition of new subsection.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Remove requirement that the client be present at physical examinations or premise visits once the VCPH is established.	Removed requirements improve access to care, especially in remote locations.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(c)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Replace with "A veterinarian-client-patient-relationship may extend to another veterinarian who has access to and has reviewed the patient's current medical records for the purposes of on-call or cross-coverage services."	Improves access to care original intended goal of VCPH project several years ago.	2	0.00810573	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(d) [previously d]	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Defines when a veterinary-client-patient-relationship (VCPH) exists.	Allows a licensed veterinarian to provide emergency care when a VCPH is not established without discipline.	No change to requirements, subsection moved due to addition of new subsection.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.1	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.215(f)(1-4) [previously e 1-3]	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Details how a VCPH may be maintained once established and sets time limits between examinations or premise visits.	Add (1) to read "The provision of care under this subsection does not establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship."	Improves transparency of language without affecting number of requirements.	0	0	2026

CBPL	5 No	Fall 2027	12 AAC 68.240(a)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an applicant, at the time of renewal, to submit, on a form from department, a statement of compliance with CE.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00405286	2027	
CBPL	2 No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.300(a)(2)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a veterinary technician be the employee of a veterinarian licensed under this chapter.	Add language "unless exempt under 12 AAC 68.300(a)(2)".	Add language that improves licensure accessibility.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.2 No	Series 2026	12 AAC 68.310(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a veterinary technician to submit an application on a form provided by the department.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.2 No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 68.310(b)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	States that a veterinary technician must pass the exam required in 12 AAC 68.315.	Change to "has passed the state written examination and national examination required in 12 AAC 68.315."	Updates language to align with other regulations.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.2 No	Series 2026	12 AAC 68.310 (b)(4)(A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a veterinary technician to provide documentation showing how they meet the required education and training.	Add language "or another equivalent certification process as approved by the board".	Add language that improves licensure accessibility.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.2 No	Series 2026	12 AAC 68.315(b)(1-4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Add requirement of the state examination for veterinary technicians and covers topics covered.	Improves quality of care.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	2 No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.330(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	States that practicing or offering to practice as a veterinary technician without being employed and supervised by a licensed veterinarian is unethical and grounds for disciplinary action.	Add language "unless exempt under 12 AAC 68.300(a)(2)".	Updates language to align with other regulations.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	2 No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.500(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a complete application, on a form provided by the department.	Remove "on a form provided by the department".	Removes redundant language.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	2 No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.500(b)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Covers what must be on the letter of good standing from the dean of the accredited school.	Removes language that requires verification of the applicant in a specific year of schooling and instead asks for verification they are approved for clinical internship.	Improves barrier to licensure. Veterinary schools that are less than a year in length are becoming commonplace, so requiring an applicant to be in their 4th year of school in order to obtain a student permit is exclusionary.	-1	-0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	2 No	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.900(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires a prescription label or unit dosage package to include the name of the owner of the patient.	Change to also require the name of the patient.	Updates prescription labeling requirement to be more thorough.	0	0	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(a)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Requires an individual record on every client or patient consultation be maintained.	Language added to expand on requirements of the record.	Updated to require additional information to align with industry standards and account for the rapid rise in use of AI in veterinary medicine to ensure clients and patients are adequately informed.	5	0.022026432	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Covers record retention and veterinarian/facility responsibility to safeguard patient information.	Overall changes to 12 AAC 68.910 have shifted original language in this subsection to now be in subsection (f). New language for b introduces section that details what must be in each animal's medical record.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	-2	-0.008810573	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(1)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have the owner's and any authorized individual's address, telephone number(s) or other contact information.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(2)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have the animal's name, any applicable identification number(s), species, breed, date of birth, sex, color, markings, and current weight.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have the date, presenting complaint, accompanying individual, pertinent history, examination findings, and a plan for diagnostics, treatment, and care.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(3)(A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Details what examination findings include as well as situation that constitute as exceptions to examinations.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	4	0.013712145	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires information to justify any tentative diagnosis and to warrant any treatment at the time of data entry on the record.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(5)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires documentation of all vaccines administered.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(6)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record contain all diagnostics and interpretation.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(6)(A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Details what labeling of diagnostics and interpretation shall include.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	5	0.022026432	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(7)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all professional consultation records.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(8)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all signed informed consent forms for both treatment and AI use.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(9)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all treatments provided.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(9)(A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record of treatments to include all medication given including the date, dosage, route of administration, frequency, and if applicable, duration of treatment and refills.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(9)(B)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have medication dispensed or prescribed as specified in AS 68.900.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(10)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have daily progress as relevant, and disposition of case.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(11)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all changes in medication or dosage.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(12)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all client communications.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(b)(13)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Requires record to have all discharge instructions.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(c)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Covers recording of medical records for a litter.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.00405286	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(d)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Allows medical records for herd health as specified in 12 AAC 68.910(b)(14) to be maintained on a per client basis.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	0	0	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(e)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Disallows intentionally fraudulent or false records, statements, or observations to records. Covers how to lawfully correct a medical record.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	2	0.008810573	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(f)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Originally 12 AAC 68.910(b) covers record retention and requires safeguarding to protect records.	No change.	0	0	2026	
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(g)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Originally 12 AAC 68.910(c) requires copies of all records to be provided within 30 days of a written request and allows a reasonable fee to be charged. Originally 12 AAC 68.910(d) disallows medical records to be released to a third party without the written consent of the patient's owner.	Language added to clarify that records may not be withheld due to an outstanding balance to the licensee.	Add language safeguards the public from having records withheld due to financial deficits.	1	0.00405286	2026
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(h)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	States when spaying, neutering, and rabies vaccination records may be released without consent.	Overall changes to 12 AAC 68.910 have shifted original language in this subsection to now be in subsection (h)(1)(5). New language for h states that records can be released without consent as required by state or federal statute.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.3 Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.910(i)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Covers when copies of records or case summaries may be sent without consent.	Overall changes to 12 AAC 68.910 have shifted original language in this subsection to now be in subsection (h)(1)(5). New language for i states that records can be released with consent by court order.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	0	0	2026

CBPL	1.3	Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.9100(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection.	Allows records to be released without consent as part of an inspection or investigation conducted by the board or an agent of the board.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.3	Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.9100(3A)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	New subsection. Previously 12 AAC 68.9100(1), states when spaying, neutering, and other elective records may be released without consent.	Allows records to be released without consent when requested from a regulatory or health authority, clinician, or veterinarian.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.3	Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.9100(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	No change.	No change.	No change.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.3	Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.9100(3)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Previously 12 AAC 68.9100(2), Covers when copies of records or case summaries may be sent without consent.	No change.	No change.	0	0	2026
CBPL	1.3	Yes	Fall 2026	12 AAC 68.9100(4)	Board of Veterinary Examiners	Previously 12 AAC 68.9100(4), Requires records be retained a minimum of 5 years and covers disposal.	Language added clarifying that retention is 5 years after the last contact with the animal.	The overall rewrite of 12 AAC 68.910 aligns with national standards and improves patient health and safety by requiring more thorough documentation in patient records.	1	0.004405286	2026
CBPL	1.2	No	Spring 2026	12 AAC 02.3100(2)	Occupational Licensing Centralized Regulations	Establishes a \$200 examination fee for the state written examination for veterinarians.	Repeal entirely. Exam to be administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. (pending project to regulations in lines 6 and 7).	Reduces fees.	-1	-0.004405286 0.093311913	2026

12 AAC 68.215 is repealed and readopted to read:

**12 AAC 68.215 Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.** (a) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, and a licensed veterinarian may engage in the practice of veterinary medicine for the patient, if the veterinarian

(1) conducts an initial physical meeting with the patient, at which the veterinarian

(A) performs a physical examination on the patient; or

(B) is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient through medically appropriate visits to the premises where the patient is maintained;

(2) has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the patient's medical conditions;

(3) has assumed responsibility for making clinical judgments for the health of the patient and the need for medical therapy;

(4) develops, with the agreement of the client, a course of therapy for the patient appropriate to the circumstance;

(5) maintains patient records; and

(6) provides oversight of treatment and is readily available to provide, or has provided for, follow-up medical care in the event of adverse reactions or failure of the treatment regimen.

(b) Once a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is established under (a) of this section, it may be maintained by electronic or telephonic means during the 12 months that follow the initial examination or premises visit. Not later than 12 months after the initial physical

examination or medically appropriate visit of the premises, the licensed veterinarian and patient must meet for another physical examination or premises visit. Each additional physical examination or premises visit must occur not later than 12 months after the prior physical exam or premises visit for the veterinarian-client-patient relationship to continue.

(c) The licensed veterinarian or the client may decline or discontinue a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(d) A veterinarian-client relationship may extend to another veterinarian who has access to and has reviewed the patient's current medical records for the purposes of on-call or cross-coverage services.

(e) A licensed veterinarian who in good faith engages in the practice of veterinary medicine by rendering or attempting to render emergency care to a patient when a client cannot be identified, or where a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not established, is not subject to discipline based solely on the veterinarian's inability to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(f) A veterinarian licensed in this state may conduct an initial evaluation of a patient through electronic or telephonic means only when the patient is located in a remote region of this state where there is no locally available veterinarian if

(1) travel for a physical examination or premises visit with the patient is unreasonable;

(2) the veterinarian requests that, when reasonably achievable, the patient be presented for an in-person examination or that the veterinarian conduct a medically appropriate visit to the premises where the patient is kept;

(3) the veterinarian provides the client with the veterinarian's identity and clinic address;

(4) The provision of care under this subsection does not establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. (Eff. 5/5/2023, Register 246; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

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