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MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

TO: Mississippi Secretary of State

From: Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

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Subject: Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption - Final Rule

Mississippi Code §73-43-11 gives the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure the power to promulgate and publish reasonable rules and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions and to enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of medicine.

This rule was adopted without variance from the proposed rule.

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II. LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION - M.D. AND/OR D.O.

A. To qualify for admission by examination, an individual shall meet the following requirements, provided that the Board may admit any individual to the examination while reserving its right to deny licensure if that individual fails to meet all requirements for licensure subsequent to success or completion of the examination:

1. Applicant must satisfy the Board that he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character.

2. Present a diploma from a reputable medical college or college of osteopathic medicine, subject to the following conditions:

   a. If the degree is from a medical college or a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States or Puerto Rico, the medical college must be accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), a Joint Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association (AMA), or if a college of osteopathic medicine, must be accredited by the Professional Education Committee of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

   b. If the degree is from a Canadian medical school, the school must be accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and by the Committee on Accreditation for Canadian Medical Schools, as sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association and Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.

   c. If the degree is from a foreign medical school, applicant must either (i) possess a valid certificate from the ECFMG <u>or</u> (ii) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program, as described in Article II, B below.

   d. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.

3. Applicants for licensure by examination must present documentation of having completed at least one (1) year of postgraduate training in the United States accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or by the AOA; or training in Canada accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

4. Present certified copy of birth certificate.

5. Subject to the provisions of Article IV below, an applicant must successfully complete and pass all parts/steps of the FLEX or USMLE.

6. Must submit an application for medical license on a form supplied by the Board, completed in every detail with a recent photograph (wallet-size/passport type) attached. A Polaroid or informal snapshot picture will not be accepted.

7. Submit fee prescribed by the Board; however, any fees related to permanent licensure may be deferred for applicants indicating a desire to practice medicine under a Temporary License or Limited License within the confines of an ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate training program pursuant to Section X.A.1 or Section V of these regulations.

8. Must appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

B. A Fifth Pathway Program, as a prerequisite for licensure by examination pursuant to Article II, A2d above, will be considered on an individual basis. Students who have completed the academic curriculum in a foreign medical school and who have fulfilled the conditions hereinafter set forth, may be offered the opportunity to substitute for an internship required by the foreign medical school, an academic year of supervised clinical training prior to entrance into the first year of ACGME- or AOA-approved postgraduate medical education. The supervised clinical training (Fifth Pathway) must be under the direction of a medical school accredited by the LCME. Fifth Pathway will be available to students who have fulfilled the following conditions:

1. Completed, in an accredited American college or university, undergraduate pre-medical work of the quality acceptable for matriculation in an accredited U.S. medical school,

2. Studied medicine at a medical school located outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada but which is recognized by the World Health Organization, and

3. Completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service.

C. Prior to issuance of a permanent Mississippi medical license, a graduate of a foreign medical school who has successfully completed all other requirements of application for licensure by examination must present documentation of having completed at least three (3) years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in

the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.