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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 as adopted does not differ from the proposed rule.

The changes to Regulation III, Licensure by Reciprocity or Endoresement M.D. and/or D.O., reflect the Board's attempt to simplify current language.

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III. LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY OR ENDORSEMENT - M.D. AND/OR D.O.

A. The Board endorses, for the purpose of reciprocity, licenses to practice medicine obtained in most states by written examination prior to March 8, 1973. Subject to the provisions of Article IV below, all applicants for medical licensure by reciprocity who took the FLEX between March 8, 1973, and January 24, 1985, must have passed the FLEX taken in one three-day sitting with a weighted average of 75 or higher in order to obtain licensure in Mississippi. The Board will not accept scores of more than one administration of the FLEX which have been combined (factored) to provide a FLEX weighted average of 75 or higher. From and after January 24, 1985, an applicant for medical licensure by reciprocity must have passed both Components I and II of the FLEX with a score of 75 to be considered the passing grade for each component. From and after June, 1994, the Board shall endorse, for the purpose of reciprocity, licenses to practice medicine from applicants who have successfully taken Steps 1, 2 and 3 of the USMLE.

B. Those doctors of osteopathic medicine who graduated prior to June 1, 1973, and who make application for licensure by reciprocity with another state will be considered only if they took and passed the same written licensure examination given in that state at that time to graduates of medical schools. A statement to this effect will be obtained by this Board from that licensing board.

C. The Board may affiliate with and recognize for the purpose of waiving examination and may grant licenses to Diplomats of the NBME; on or after February 13, 1973, to Diplomats of the NBOME and licentiates of the Medical Council of Canada. If a Diplomat of the NBME or NBOME, the applicant must have a Certification of Endorsement from that Board submitted directly to the Board. If seeking endorsement with the Medical Council of Canada, the applicant must have a Certificate of Standing submitted directly to the Board.

D. The applicant must have the state board where the original license was obtained by examination submit a certified copy of the examination to the Board.

E. The Board may grant a license by reciprocity to a graduate of a foreign medical school who was licensed in another state by written examination prior to March 8, 1973, if he is certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties. A statement verifying that the applicant is currently certified must be submitted directly to the Board by the American Board of Medical Specialties Board. The applicant must comply with all other licensure requirements for foreign medical graduates.

F. In addition to the above requirements for licensure by reciprocity and/or endorsement, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be twenty-one (21) years of age, of good moral character.

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

    a. 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.

    b. 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 the College of Osteopathic Medicine must be accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

    c. 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.

    d. If the degree is from a foreign medical school, applicant must either (i) possess a valid certificate from the ECFMG or (ii) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program, as described in Article II, B above, and be currently Board Certified by a Specialty Board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.

3. If a graduate from a medical college or college of osteopathic medicine in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico, applicant 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. If a graduate from a foreign medical school, applicant must present documentation of having completed either (i) three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or (ii) at least one year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, be currently Board certified by a Specialty Board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association and will be based upon approval by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

1. An applicant who otherwise possesses all of the qualifications for licensure by reciprocity/ endorsement, but has not taken a medical proficiency examination or licensure examination within ten (10) years prior to filing his or her application, must pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX)* as administered by and under auspices of the Board, unless the applicant:

    a. Submits satisfactory proof of current certification by an American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association approved specialty board; or

    b. Submits proof that the applicant's sole purpose for seeking licensure is to serve as the Dean, Chairman of the Department or Faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. In such case, a license shall remain in effect so long as Licensee is a member of the faculty of the University School of Medicine.

2. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.

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* SPEX (SPECIAL PURPOSE EXAMINATION) is a cognitive examination assisting licensing jurisdictions in their assessment of current competence requisite for general, undifferentiated medical practice by physicians who hold or have held a valid license in a U.S. jurisdiction. SPEX is made available through the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Incorporated.

3. Must complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in a manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.

4. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.

5. Must appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.

G. Graduates of foreign medical schools seeking licensure by reciprocity or endorsement via Fifth Pathway Programs will be considered on an individual basis subject to those requirements set forth in Section II, B above.

Amended May 17, 2007.