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Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Agency is encouraged to use as much space as will adequately answer all questions. A PDF version of this executed Form must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

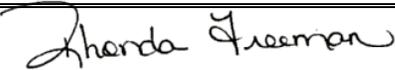
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| EMAIL rhonda@msbml.ms.gov | DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE 30 Miss. Admin Code Pt. 2630, R.1 | | |
| Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: 73-43-11 | Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: N/A | | |

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: The Board of Medical Licensure has determined that it is reasonable, necessary and in the public interest to adopt the regulations detailing what it considers to be the standard of practice.
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: This rule is to inform and educate physicians in collaborative relationships as to what the Board of Medical Licensure considers to be the responsibilities of such physicians.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The rules intend to be practical and flexible enough to address a variety of situations and specialties. The Board does not intend to restrict patient access to essential healthcare in the state of Mississippi.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues: A minimal cost to the agency and no cost to other state or local government entities.
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: A minimum to moderate cost to persons affected. Based on review of Board statistical information indicating the current number of physicians who collaborate with nurse practitioners over 40 miles away, approximately 7% of collaborating physicians and 20% of nurse practitioners affected by the proposed rule of setting the mileage limit to 40 miles. Approximately 30% of physicians who indicate they collaborate with 5 or more nurse practitioners affected by the rule limiting the number of nurse practitioners to 4. Any resulting costs to the affected practitioners, both physicians and nurse

practitioners, would involve the cost to their practice of discontinuing collaboration where such collaboration violates either the 40 mile limit or the limit on the number of collaborative relationships.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: A very minimal impact on small business.
 - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: See #5 above.
 - b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: No changes to cost of complying with record keeping is anticipated.
 - c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: The proposed actions require ownership by Mississippi licensed physicians.
 - d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; No less intrusive or less costly methods are available.
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; No less intrusive or less costly methods are available.
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; No less intrusive or less costly methods are available.
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; no less intrusive or less costly methods are available.
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: N/A
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: See #5 above.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: See #6 above.
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: See #6 above.
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: No alternative methods available.

Approximations were derived from the Board's 2012 physician annual renewal information.

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| SIGNATURE  | TITLE Bureau Director |
| DATE 02/15/2013 | PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days from final filing. |