

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-7-.04, Requirements for the Issuance of a License to Practice as a Physician Assistant (P.A.)

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To change the name of the accreditation agency for P.A. training programs

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla H. Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including November 2, 2018. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule and submit data, views, or comments or arguments orally should contact Carla H. Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during said period in order to set up an appointment for a hearing respecting such oral data, views, or arguments. Copies can also be obtained at the Board's web site, www.albme.org.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 2, 2018

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Carla H. Kruger



(Signature of officer authorized to promulgate and adopt rules or his or her deputy)

540-X-7-.04 Requirements for the Issuance of a License to Practice as a Physician Assistant (P.A.).

(1) To qualify for a license to practice as a physician assistant an individual must meet the following requirements:

(a) Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of successful completion of a training program accredited by the ~~Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA)~~, or the ~~Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)~~ Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or their successor agencies;

(b) Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of successful completion of the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA);

(c) Submit an application on forms approved by the Board; and

(d) Pay the required license application fee as determined by the Board.

(e) Beginning October 1, 2008, submit to a criminal history background check which includes the following:

(i) Provide fingerprints and execute a criminal history information release using forms provided by the Board; and

(ii) Pay a criminal history background check fee in an amount established in Rule 540-X-3-.09(2). Fingerprints provided by an applicant shall be submitted to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI), which is responsible for forwarding the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history record check. Information received by the Board pursuant to a criminal history

background check shall be confidential and shall not be a public record, except that such information received and relied upon in denying the issuance of a license to practice as a physician assistant in this state may be disclosed as may be necessary to support the denial.

(2) Documentation submitted through the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) may be accepted to demonstrate compliance with the credentialing requirements of this rule.

Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: *Code of Alabama §§34-24-290, et. seq.*

History: Repealed and Replaced: Filed September 21, 1998; effective October 26, 1998. Repealed and Replaced: Approved June 6, 2002. Effective Date: October 24, 2002. Amended: July 16, 2008. Emergency Rule Effective: August 1, 2008. Effective Date: November 19, 2008. Amended: Filed September 20, 2018.