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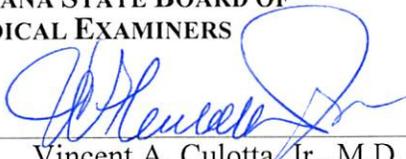
Re: Final Report: Proposed Adoption of Administrative Rule
Amendments Governing Physician Assistants; Licensure
and Certification; Practice (LAC 46:XLV Chapters 15 and 45)

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D), the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners respectfully submits the enclosed report on the final adoption of the captioned rule amendments. Notice was previously published in the December 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, Vol. 44, No. 12, pp. 2323-2326. The Board plans to adopt the amendments by and upon publication in the April 20, 2019, edition of the *Register*.

Very truly yours,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: 
Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D.
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Enclosure

**FINAL REPORT RELATIVE TO PROPOSED
ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS
GOVERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION;
PRACTICE—(LAC 46:XLV CHAPTERS 15 AND 45)
(La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D))**

By The

LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Submitted To The

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE,
LOUISIANA SENATE,

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE,
LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

And

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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(La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D))

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This Report is respectfully submitted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”), within the Department of Health and Hospitals, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D).

By Notice of Intent published in the December 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, Vol. 44, No. 12, pp. 2323-2326, the Board proposed to amend its existing rules governing physician assistants (PAs) in order to conform them to Act 475 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and make other substantive and technical updates made necessary by the passage of time or for consistency with agency processes. The proposed amendments increase the number of PAs for whom a physician may serve as the primary supervising physician (from 4 to 8), restate and clarify and limit the PA qualifications for prescriptive authority for consistency with current law, relocate existing requirements for continuing medical education from .1529C.-D. to 15.17B.3, and update associated references to rule citations from .1521 to .1527 where indicated. In addition, because PAs are the only category of healthcare providers licensed by the Board whose rules do not contain a delinquent fee for late renewal/reinstatement, the proposed amendments include such a provision in a new section on reinstatement (.1519).

Concurrently with submission of the Notice of Intent to the *Register*, in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. §40:968, the Board submitted a Report on the proposed rule amendments to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.¹ Following publication of Notice of Intent the Board did not receive any written comments or a request for public hearing during the comment period provided by La. Rev. Stat. §49:953.

¹*Electronic Mail*, Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Exec. Dir., La. State Bd. Med. Exam., Re: Report Relative to Proposed Rule Amendments Governing Physician Assistants; Licensure and Certification; Practice (LAC 46:XLV Chapters 15 and 45) (Dec.7, 2017).

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This Report, submitted by the Board pursuant to and as prescribed by La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D), includes as Appendix A, a photocopy of the Notice of Intent containing the full text of the proposed rule amendments that were previously published and appeared in the December 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, which the Board intends to adopt and formally promulgate in the identical form as was previously published by and upon publication in the April 20, 2019 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

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