NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Medical Examiners

Podiatry Licensure and Certification, (LAC 46:XLV.1307)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270 and the Louisiana Podiatric Practice Act, R.S. 37:611-628, that the board intends to amend its rules on licensure and certification of podiatrists. The proposed changes, which appear in Section 1307.D, remove the requirement for board certification/qualification for surgical treatment of the ankle for a podiatrist who has completed three (3) years of a specified residency training program. The proposed changes also reflect a name change in the certifying surgical board within podiatry from the American Board of Podiatric Surgery to the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. The proposed amendments are set forth below.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

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Chapter 13. Podiatrists

Subchapter B. Requirements and Qualifications for Licensure, Scope of Practice

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A.-C.4. . . .

D. Qualifications for Certification in Surgical Treatment of the Ankle. To be eligible for certification in the surgical treatment of the ankle, whether for initial licensure or annual renewal, an applicant who possesses and meets the qualifications and requirements of §1305A.1.-5 of this Chapter shall:

1. have completed a surgical residency approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, consisting of:

a. a three year Podiatric Surgery Residency (PSR 36) Program or greater; or

b. a three year Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency (PM&S 36) Program or greater; or

c. a two year Podiatric Surgery Residency (PSR 24) Program and:

i. be board certified in reconstructive rear foot and ankle surgery (RRA) by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS), formerly the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (APBS); or

ii. be board certified in foot surgery and board qualified in reconstructive rear foot/ankle surgery (RRA) by the ABFAS.

E.-G. . . .

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:611-37:628.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 35:241 (February 2009), amended, LR.

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on the family has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on family, formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on those that may be living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Statement

In compliance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of the proposed amendments on organizations that provide services for individuals with development disabilities has been considered. It is not anticipated that the proposed amendments will have any impact on the staffing, costs or overall ability of such organizations to provide the same level of services, as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written data, views, arguments, information or comments on the proposed amendments to Rita Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans,

Louisiana, 70130, (504) 568-6820, Ex. 242. She is responsible for responding to inquiries. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., July 20 2016. If a public hearing is requested to provide data, views, arguments, information or comments in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the hearing will be held on July 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. Any person wishing to attend should call to confirm that a hearing is being held.

Public Hearing

A request pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2) for a public hearing must be made in writing and received by the Board within 20 days of the date of this notice.

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Executive Director