

TITLE 16. Medical Board of California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Medical Board of California (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at Sheraton Gateway Hotel LAX, 6101 W Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045 at 9:10 A.M. on May 6, 2011. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2011 or must be received at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 2018 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 144 and 901 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 13 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Adopt Sections 1333., 1333.1, 1333.2, and 1333.3, in Article 9.1 of Chapter 1 of Division 13, relating to Sponsored Free Health Care Events.

Sponsored Free Health Care Events is not addressed in current regulation.

This proposal requires the Medical Board of California to implement legislation, AB 2699, enacting Business and Professions Code Section 901, which took effect January 1, 2011. This statute provides a regulatory framework for certain health care events at which free care is offered to uninsured or under-insured individuals by volunteer health care practitioners where those practitioners may include individuals who may be licensed in one or more states but are not licensed in California.

These proposed regulations will implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Section 901, including the application and registration requirements, disciplinary actions, etc.

The registration of sponsoring entity Form 901-A (MBC/2011) and the request for authorization to practice without a license Form 901-B (MBC/2011) are incorporated by reference.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17500-17630 Require Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant adverse economic impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

The regulation impacts those out-of-state health care practitioners applying to the Medical Board of California to participate in community-based organizations that provide sponsored free health care events in California.

The proposed regulation may provide an opportunity for out-of-state licensed volunteers to participate in community sponsored free health care events.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses; instead, the impact of this rulemaking is to offer free health care to uninsured or under-insured Californians by volunteer health care practitioners coming from out-of-state.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice. Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. Copies of the initial statement of reasons and all of the information upon which the proposal is based may be obtained from the person designated in the Notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Board's website:

http://www.medbd.ca.gov/laws/regulations_proposed.html.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the person designated in this Notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Board's website:

http://www.medbd.ca.gov/laws/regulations_proposed.html.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below, or by accessing the Board's website: http://www.medbd.ca.gov/laws/regulations_proposed.html.

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Website Access : Materials regarding this proposal can be found at
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