

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: July 1, 2014
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Disclosure of Postgraduate Training
STAFF CONTACT: Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Executive Director

REQUESTED ACTION:

After review and consideration of the information, direct staff to not pursue elimination of the requirement for the Medical Board of California (Board) to disclose postgraduate training on a physician's website profile.

BACKGROUND:

In the Board's Sunset Review Report released November 1, 2012, the Board identified several issues for consideration by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee (Committee) during their sunset review of the Board. One of the issues the Board requested the Committee to consider was elimination of the requirement in Business and Professions Code Sections 803.1 and 2027 for the Board to post approved postgraduate training on the physician's profile. The report stated the Board could not post the information on the Board's website using its current information technology system. The report added that the Board did report the number of years of postgraduate training, but that information was self-reported by the physician. In addition, the report pointed out that the information the Board had was the postgraduate training originally received from the physician at the time of application, which did not include all of the postgraduate information.

The Committee responded to the Board's request for elimination of this information in its recommendations to the Board after their review of the Sunset Review Report. The Committee stated the Board should discuss this proposal with stakeholders, specifically those representing consumer interests, and then report back to the Committee those findings. It added that if those findings were that the Board should eliminate this requirement, that the Board provide language to the Committee for the elimination of this requirement.

When the Sunset Review Report was being completed, the Board was not using the BreEZe system and did not have the postgraduate training information in a system that could be used to display the information on the Board's website. However, when Board staff identified fields for the new BreEZe system, they ensured this information would be able to be captured in the BreEZe system.

Since the Board went live with the new BreEZe system, this information has been entered into the computer system for those individuals who have applied after October 2013 and for those who had pending applications at the time the Board went to BreEZe. Therefore, this information is now being captured, including the complete name of the postgraduate training program. In addition, the Board staff could work with the BreEZe administrators to be able to post this information on a physician's profile in the future. Something to note, though, is that the postgraduate training information being entered at the time of application is only the

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postgraduate training that was verified during the application process and does not include any additional training the licensee completes after licensure.

With this new information being entered into the system, staff no longer believes that this requirement needs to be removed from the Board's current statute. It is recommended that the Board no longer pursue this legislative change and instead move forward with working on a change to the BreEZe system so this information could be posted to a physician's profile.