

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT – LICENSING COMMITTEE

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 DEPARTMENT: Licensing Program
 SUBJECT: Implementation Plan of Business and Professions Code,
 Section 2088, Limited License
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SUMMARY:

Legislation, AB 501, effective January 1, 2010, authorizes the Licensing Program to issue a limited practice license to an applicant who is otherwise eligible for a medical license in California but is unable to practice all aspects of medicine safely due to a disability. Staff is preparing regulatory language to Division 13 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations, to set forth the criteria and requirements for a limited practice license. In addition, staff has developed an implementation plan to delineate the required tasks to execute this legislation.

PROJECT STATUS TO IMPLEMENT LIMITED PRACTICE LICENSE:

March 17, 2010, Licensing staff and legal counsel met to discuss and develop the requirements, policies and procedures for the issuance of a limited practice license.

Tasks currently working on in April - May:

- Draft regulatory language to be used for new limited practice license
- Consider regulatory change to Section 1355.35 to add in limited practice license
- Identify interested parties for review of regulatory language
- Develop criteria for initial qualification for a limited practice license
- Create and mail notice for interested parties meeting proposed for Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 1:30p.m. at the Board's Sacramento office

Tasks to be completed for June – July:

- Consider statutory language to amend Section 2441 to ensure criteria for a disability license and limited practice license are consistent
- Seek License Committee approval of proposed regulatory language at July Board Meeting and schedule public hearing for November Board Meeting
- Develop process for Senior Review Level 2 applicant that is identified by senior staff as a limited license candidate
- Develop process to request change from limited practice license/disabled status to full and unrestricted license status

Tasks to be completed August – September:

- Identify Application Tracking System (ATS) changes to track applicants
- Identify license status for limited practice licenses on Consumer Affairs System
- Develop limited practice license policies and procedures
- Develop new application forms, instructions, and FAQs
- Develop wall certificate and pocket license for limited practice license

Tasks to be completed for October – December:

- Hold public hearing and seek Board approval at November Board Meeting to amend regulations to add in limited practice license
- Develop language for License Look-up on Web site
- Train Licensing and CIU staff

Tasks to be completed after regulation package is approved

- Update Web site with limited practice license application, information, and FAQ's
- Prepare article for Board's Newsletter