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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE	October 11, 2007
TO	Members, Division of Licensing
FROM	Kathi Burns, Manager <i>K Burns</i> Licensing Operations Section
SUBJECT	Equivalent Psychoanalytic Institutes

Recently, an application for registration as a student research psychoanalyst was received by the Division of Licensing (Division) from an applicant presently enrolled in a psychoanalytic institute not authorized in statute or deemed equivalent by the Division, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2529. In order for a student research psychoanalyst registration to be granted, the institute of attendance must be authorized in statute or deemed equivalent by the Division. As such, an application seeking equivalency was submitted from the referenced psychoanalytic institute.

The psychoanalytic institute met some, but not all, of the criteria for equivalency. Therefore, the institute and the associated application for registration as a student research psychoanalyst were denied.

The applicant and institute claim that while the institute does not meet all criteria specified in regulation, the training at the institute (and others like it) exceeds the criteria in several areas and the institute is considered to be a highly reputable psychoanalytic training institute, specifically because it is accredited by the American Board for Accreditation in Psychoanalysis, Inc. (ABAP), a psychoanalytic accrediting body.

Subsequent to the denial, the institute submitted a petition for regulatory change pursuant to section 11340.6 of the Government Code, requesting the Division consider the institute and other ABAP accredited institutes to be authorized in regulation as equivalent institutions. The petition was incomplete and at staff's request was withdrawn by the institute. Staff anticipates it may be resubmitted at a later date, if necessary.

Staff plans to research the request and the ABAP accrediting body and bring information and a recommendation to the Division at a future meeting.