

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA – POLICY COMPENDIUM
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POLICY AREAS:

Scope of Practice

Policy and Principles

- 1) The Department of Consumer Affairs, (DCA), the Board and other healthcare boards of the DCA are duty-bound, first and foremost to protect and serve California Consumers.
- 2) Protecting and serving healthcare consumers requires that DCA and its member healthcare boards assure, as best as practicable, that healthcare consumers are:
 - a. Evaluated and managed by California licensees practicing within their scope of practice, as defined by law or regulation;
 - b. Evaluated and managed by licensees who are in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;
 - c. Evaluated and managed by competent licensees, practicing within community standards of care.
 - d. Entitled to be evaluated and managed in accordance with the highest standard of care applicable to any of the licensed or certificated practitioners.
- 3) The Board holds that all California Consumers should know the background, training, education, certification and history of disciplinary actions of any healthcare provider they may consider seeing.
- 4) The Board recommends that any legislatively proposed expansion of scope of practice include criteria to be met regarding education, training, proctoring, certification and continuing oversight of any practitioner who obtains expanded scope. First and foremost consumers must be protected and any proposed scope expansion must assure adequate mechanisms and oversight to reduce patient risk of harm. Care provided to patients in California should be of the same quality, regardless of who is providing the care.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Policy Statement

The Board opposes the concept of mandated CME topics. The Board believes that each licensed physician should decide which type of continuing education is most appropriate for their particular practice.

Funding for Physician Education

Policy Statement

The Board supports additional funding for physician education, including funding for additional residency positions, funding for medical schools in California, and funding for loan programs, including the Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment Program.