

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice. The New Mexico Medical Board (NMMB) gives notice that it will conduct a public rule hearing on June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (MDT). This rule hearing is tentatively in person and can be accessed virtually. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to 16.10.2 NMAC - Physicians: Physicians Licensure Requirements. Physical Hearing Location is 2055 South Pacheco Street, Bldg. 400, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

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Purpose. During the 2019 Legislative Session SB349 passed and was signed by Governor Lujan Grisham on April 3, 2019. SB349 enacted new sections of the Medical Practice Act to provide temporary exemption to licensure requirements to visiting physicians who provide care to out-of-state sports team members and staff during sporting events. The addition to the Medical Practice Act requires promulgation of rules to implement the provisions set forth in SB349.

Additionally, the New Mexico Medical Board has relied on the California Medical Board's list of approved and disapproved foreign medical schools for licensure qualification. The California Medical Board will be inactivating the list in 2027. In preparation for this, the New Mexico Medical Board is proposing that a foreign medical graduate who has been vetted and approved for a board approved post graduate training program and holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification will be considered to have graduated from an acceptable medical education program, as if they have graduated from a Board approved school.

The statutory authorization. Sections 61-6-1 through 61-6-35 NMSA 1978.

No technical information serves as a basis for this proposed rule change.

Public comment. Interested parties may provide comment on the proposed amendments of this state rule at the public hearing or may submit written comments to Sondra Frank, Esq., New Mexico Medical Board, 2055 South Pacheco Street, Bldg. 400, Santa Fe, NM 87505, or by electronic mail to AmandaL.Quintana@state.nm.us. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on June 1, 2022. All written comments will be posted to the agency website within (3) three business days.

Copies of proposed rule. Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the New Mexico Medical Board's website at www.nmmb.state.nm.us or may be obtained from the Board office by calling (505) 476-7220 or via email at AmandaL.Quintana@state.nm.us.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format, or who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Amanda Quintana at (505) 476-7230 or via email at AmandaL.Quintana@state.nm.us. The New Mexico Medical Board requires at least ten (10) calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.

Summary of proposed changes. The Board summarizes its proposed changes to its administrative rules as follows:

16.10.2 NMAC - Physicians: Licensure Requirements

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.10.2 NMAC are to add an exemption to licensure requirements for visiting sports team physicians.

An additional proposed change to 16.10.2 NMAC is to change the foreign medical graduate educational requirements from the school being on the approved list of the California State Medical Board to a foreign medical graduate who has been vetted and approved for a board approved post graduate training program and holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification will be considered to have graduated from an acceptable medical education program.