

care provider or the board, the records must be made available within thirty days of the request, or within twenty days of a payment request as set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

E. Dental records produced pursuant to this Section must be legible. If there is handwriting that is illegible in the original records, the records produced must include a typed transcript of the illegible handwriting.

F. Radiographs produced pursuant to this Section must be diagnostic and must be able to be read without the use of proprietary software.

G. The treating dentist whose treatment is reflected in the records and/or radiographs requested pursuant to this Section is responsible for complying with this Section and may be sanctioned by the board if any part of this Section is violated. The treating dentist is responsible for assuring that the requirements of this Section are followed even if he has left the practice where the treatment was rendered and may be sanctioned by the board if any part of this Section is violated.

H. If the treating dentist whose treatment is reflected in the records and/or radiographs requested pursuant to this Section has left the practice where the treatment occurred, the dentist owner(s) of the practice in possession of the records and/or radiographs is responsible, along with the treating dentist, for complying with the requirements of this Section and may be sanctioned by the board if any part of this Section is violated.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(6) and (8) and R.S. 49:953(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 51:1161 (August 2025).

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#### **RULE**

#### **Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners**

#### **Adjudication; Recusal (LAC 46:XLV.9920)**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, the board amends its rules governing recusal in administrative hearings and/or proceedings to clarify that in addition to the board, the director of investigations (DOI) and/or the Independent Counsel may also be recused, and to provide for a pro tem DOI, when needed, and the qualifications of the pro tem DOI. The proposed amendments are set forth below. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

#### **Title 46**

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL**

#### **Part XLV. Medical Professions**

#### **Subpart 5. Rules of Procedure**

#### **Chapter 99. Adjudication**

#### **§9920. Recusal**

A. Any board member, director of investigations, and/or independent counsel who, because of bias or interest, is unable to assure a fair and impartial hearing and/or administrative proceeding shall be recused from that particular proceeding. The reasons for the recusal shall be made part of the record. Should the majority of the board members be recused for a particular proceeding, the governor shall be requested to appoint a sufficient number of pro tem members to obtain a quorum for the proceeding. Should the director of investigations be recused from a particular hearing and/or administrative proceeding, the board will contract for or specify a pro tem director of investigations who meets the criteria outlined in R.S. 37:1270(A)(9) to the satisfaction of the board, for that particular proceeding.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1261-1292 and 37:1270(A)(5).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 41:2630 (December 2015), amended by Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners LR 51:1162 (August 2025).

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#### **RULE**

#### **Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners**

Physicians; Bridge Year Program  
(LAC 46:XLV.303 and 398)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, R.S. 37:1275, the board amends LAC 46:XLV.303 by adding the definitions of "Bridge Year Graduate Physician" and "Training Physician" and to add a new provision, LAC 46:XLV.398, to create a new Bridge Year Graduate Physician Certificate, and to set forth requirements and provisions relative to the Certificate. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

#### **Title 46**

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL**

#### **STANDARDS**

#### **Part XLV. Medical Professions**

#### **Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification**

#### **Chapter 3. Physicians**

#### **Subchapter A. General Provisions**

#### **§303. Definitions**

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

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