

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:

* * *

Bridge Year Graduate Physician—a person possessing a doctor of medicine (allopathic/M.D.), doctor of osteopathy or doctor of osteopathic medicine degree (osteopathic/D.O.) or an equivalent degree duly awarded by a medical or osteopathic educational institution approved by the board pursuant to §§333 to 341 of this Chapter who meets the requirements and qualifications provided in §§311 et seq., and who holds a certificate to practice under the direct supervision of a board-certified physician as provided in these rules.

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Training Physician—a board-certified physician who meets and maintains the requirements to serve as a preceptor for physicians practicing under a bridge year graduate physician certificate.

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B. Masculine terms wheresoever used in this Chapter shall also be deemed to include the feminine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1271 and 37:1274.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 10:908 (November 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 16:513 (June 1990), LR 27:835 (June 2001), LR 31:1582 (July 2005), LR 38:3173 (December 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:797 (June 2025), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:1162 (August 2025).

Subchapter H. Restricted Licensure, Permits

§398. Bridge Year Graduate Physician Program

A. A graduate of an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy who applied to, but was not accepted into, an accredited medical residency training program for the first year following medical school graduation, may apply for a bridge year graduate physician certificate.

1. A physician practicing under a bridge year graduate physician certificate shall practice in training for one post-graduate year under the direct supervision of a board-certified physician who has completed training required by the board to be a training physician and who maintains such training at intervals required by the board.

2. The training physician shall practice in the same or an adjacent facility and shall formally review and co-sign the work of the bridge year physician.

3. A physician practicing under a bridge year graduate physician certificate shall have prescriptive authority in accordance with state and federal law and board rules, as authorized and supervised by the training physician.

4. The training physician shall issue a report at the end of the bridge year indicating the scope and breadth of the practice of the participating bridge year graduate physician and the instruction and training given to the bridge year graduate physician. The training physician's report shall contain a statement as to whether or not the bridge year graduate physician would be recommended for a residency position upon reapplication.

5. A bridge year graduate physician certificate shall be valid for one year and may be renewed for no more than two additional one-year periods upon application to, and discretion of, the board.

B. The board shall select the participants for the bridge year graduate physician program and has the authority to

accept or reject any applicant. If the number of applicants exceeds the available number of training physicians or training locations, preference may be given to applicants desiring to practice in underserved areas, in primary care or internal medicine, to Louisiana residents, or to graduates of Louisiana medical schools.

C. The board may suspend, terminate, or revoke a bridge year graduate physician certificate prior to the expiration of one year for any reason provided by law or board rule for the termination of licenses, permits, registrations, or certificates issued by the board.

D. A bridge year graduate physician certificate shall not confer any future right to full, unrestricted licensure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1275, 37:1310.11 and 1310.12.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 51:1163 (August 2025).

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RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Physicians; Retired Physician License
(LAC 46:XLV.417, 418, 435, and 447)

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 (the board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act., R.S. 37:1270 et seq., the board amends its rules on licensure and certification to add a new §417(D) to provide for a retired physician license and to establish criteria therefor; amends §418C relative to reduced fee licenses and to add a new D creating a reduced fee license for retired physicians; amends §435 to require 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians holding a retired physician license under §417(D); and amends §447 relative to exceptions to CME requirements, amends relative to active military service outside the state of Louisiana; amends to specify full CME after initial exemption year for those initially licensed on basis of examination; and amends to change wording from “retired physician” to one holding a “reduced fee license” under §418. 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 I. License Issuance, Termination, Renewal, Reinstatement and Exemptions

§417. Renewal of License; Prerequisite Condition

A. Every license issued by the board under this Chapter shall be renewed annually on or before the first day of the month in which the licensee was born, by submitting to the board a properly completed application for renewal, upon forms supplied by the board, together with the renewal fees