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STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AUDITS FOR LICENSEES

Pursuant to NRS 633.471(3), the Board was required to request submission of verified evidence of completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical education annually from no fewer than one-third of the applicants for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant.

Nevada bill AB 124 was approved by Governor Lombardo and became effective May 31, 2023. AB 124 amends the relevant portion of NRS 633.471(3) to state that the Board shall request submission of verified evidence of completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical education annually from a percentage of the applicants for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant as determined by the Board.

Accordingly, every renewal cycle, the Board's staff shall audit ten percent (10%) of the applicants for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant for compliance with NRS 633.471(3). This audit is random and applies to all applicants for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant, including Board member licensees.

To set a standard for all Board licensees, the Board urges Board member licensees to voluntarily submit annually to CME audits. As this is an aspirational goal, there is no penalty or discipline for failing to do so.

However, regardless of whether a Board member is randomly selected for a random CME audit or voluntarily does so, all the provisions of NRS 633.471(3) and NAC 633.250 shall apply and any violations of said provisions may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

This policy shall take effect beginning August 8, 2023.

Approved by the Board at the August 8, 2023 Board meeting.