What you need to know about our laws . . .

Senate Bill No. 273:
The Nevada Legislature has passed Senate Bill (SB) 273. This bill will affect statutes relating to telemedicine, proration of initial licenses for osteopathic physicians and physician assistants, renewal processing, the ability for a physician assistant to go to an inactive status, and reporting by physician assistants regarding malpractice, claims, awards, judgments, or other dispositions of any action or claim, and any sanctions reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

There is also Senate Bill 419 regarding safe injections. This requires physicians to confirm that they have training in safe injections. Physicians will have to attest on their renewal application that they have knowledge of and are aware of the Center for Disease Control safe injection practices.

These laws go into effect on October 1, 2011.

REMEMBER: NAC 633.260 HAS BEEN CHANGED!! Each person who holds a license with the Osteopathic Medicine Board or in this State shall: (a) file with the Board his proper and current mailing address; and (b) notify the Board in writing of any change in his address within 30 days after the change. The notification must provide both his old and new mailing address.

Also, each person who holds a license to practice osteopathic medicine in this State and who intends to close his or her osteopathic medical practice shall notify the Board in writing at least 30 days before closing the practice. The notice must specify: (a) the person who or facility that will maintain the health care records of the person’s patients for the period required by NRS 629.051; and (b) how the patients of the osteopathic medical practice were notified of the closure of the practice.

Failure to comply with the requirements of this section in a timely manner is ground for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 633.511.

Do you supervise a PA-C or an APN?

• All physician assistants and their supervising physicians MUST sign a supervising agreement form and mail it into the Board office.
• It is IMPERATIVE that a collaborating agreement form be completed and sent into us for all APNs.
• Physicians will be required to sign a letter stating they are compliant with NRS 633.469 regarding requirements of supervision.
• A supervising physician may not supervise more than a total of three physician assistants and advanced practitioners of nursing at a time and must report to the Board within 10 days of any termination of a supervising physician agreement.

NAC CHAPTER 633:
Just as a reminder, you can find the Nevada laws pertaining to osteopathic physicians and physicians’ assistants on the Board’s website. www.bom.nv.gov.

In a continuing effort to assist the Board’s licensees, you will find an unofficial version of NAC chapter 633 on the website. This version contains the 2007 and 2009 revisions to the regulations. These revisions have been adopted by the Board and approved by the Legislative Commission. The Legislative Counsel Bureau has not yet assigned section numbers to certain sections of the regulations, but all sections are in full force and effect now.

If you wish to view other applicable statutes and regulations, they can be found on the Legislature’s website, www.leg.state.nv.us.

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MORE ABOUT OUR BOARD & STAFF

The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine regretfully announces Dianna Hegeduis, Executive Director/Board Counsel, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 6. She had been with the board since July 2009 and in that short time made significant, positive changes for the board and in the community.

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She was a strong voice for the medical community in the state legislature and with the Federation of State Medical Boards. Dianna was well respected by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

AND...

At the June 20, 2011 Board Meeting the Board appointed Barbara Longo as the Interim Executive Director. Ms. Longo has been with the Board since September 2008.

ALSO at the June 20, 2011 Board meeting, after serving on the Board since 2002 and serving as the Board’s Chairman since 2008, Dr. Daniel Curtis announced his resignation as Chairman and from the NSBOM, effective July 15, 2011.

MORE... NSBOM is proud to announce S. Paul Edwards was elected to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSBM) Nomination Committee. He will serve a two year term. Mr. Edwards was appointed and has served as a public member on the NSBOM since July 2009. He is also an associate in the Lewis and Roca law firm, Commercial Litigation and Bankruptcy practice groups. The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national not-for-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories. FSMB’s mission is to continuously improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care by developing and promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice. The NSBOM congratulates Mr. Edwards on all his hard work.

So what has your Board been doing lately . . .

The statistics contained on this page indicate NSBOM and staff have not been greatly impacted by the sluggish economy and is still showing signs of a more active Board.

Also, please note the NSBOM board meetings are now being conducted on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

NOTE FROM NOMA:

NOMA offers a 10 hour category 1A CME Program, a One Day Symposia Program that will be held on August 13, September 10 and November 12 at the Southern Nevada Health District Auditorium located at 625 S. Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, NV.

Get your hours without closing the office. All offered on Saturday; August Program – Preventive Medicine, including Risk Management and Safe Injection Practices. Package price is available. Winter Medical Symposium, 30 hour Category 1A CME Programs is being held on January 18-22, 2012 at Embassy Suites Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. Check the website www.nevadaosteopathic.org or contact Denise Selleck-Davis, CAE, Executive at the NOMA office at (702) 434-7112 for more information.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Check out the following stats pertaining to NSBOM’s licensees per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30th):

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REMINDER: In September 2011, your renewal reminder will be mailed out. If you are one of the 33% to be audited for your 2011 Continuing Medical Education (CME), this request will be included with the renewal reminder. DOs need proof of 35 credits with 10 of the AOA category 1A or AMA category 1 as well as safe injection process. PAs need 20 hours of CME. Renewals are due by December 31, 2011. If the license renewal is not received by January 25, 2012, the revocation of your license process will begin. Any renewals received after January 1, 2012 will be assessed a $300.00 late fee. The renewal fee for Osteopathic Physicians is $500.00 and $400.00 for Physician Assistants. If you opt to expire your license, you MUST notify us in writing.

New Healthcare Legislation Focused on Patient Safety: Safe Injection Practices SB419

SB 419 requires the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, certain district boards of health and certain boards that license, register or certify health care professionals, as a condition of issuing or renewing a license, registration or certificate, that the applicant for issuance or renewal of the license, registration or certificate must attest to knowledge of and compliance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the prevention of transmission of infectious agents through safe and appropriate injection practices. In addition a physician shall attest that any person:

(a) Who is under the control and supervision of the physician;
(b) Who is not licensed pursuant to this chapter; and
c) Whose duties involve injection practices,

has knowledge of and is in compliance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the prevention of transmission of infectious agents through safe and appropriate injection practices.

Certain medical laboratories licensed by the Health Division and persons who register a radiation machine with the Health Division, as a condition of issuing or renewing a license or registration, must attest that certain employees have such knowledge of and are in compliance with such guidelines.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

To help raise awareness about the consequences of unsafe injection practices and to remind healthcare providers about the basics of injection safety, the Safe Injection Practices Coalition has created posters and brochures for use in provider’s offices, in patient rooms, and work areas.

You can now order the free education materials online or print them yourself. The information can be found at:  http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/locations/nevada/.
AS A REMINDER ABOUT THAT “PESTY” REPORTING STATUTE (NRS 633.527) . . .

Physicians and physician assistants are required to report to the Board when they are served with a summons and complaint in a medical malpractice case, as well as report any type of a disposition of that lawsuit, and whether that matter is referred to mediation or arbitration. Licensees are mandated to report such information within 45 days of notice. Physicians may be fined up to $5,000 per violation of this statute. The 2011 Legislature has amended this statute to include the requirement P.A.s notify the Board as well about such events in medical malpractice cases.

Questions for the licensees?

In order to bring disciplinary actions against licensed Osteopathic medicine doctors, BSBOM needs expert witnesses and expert witnesses are rather costly. Do you have the time and desire to help your Board in such cases? If so, please contact the Board at your convenience.

What else should the Board be doing to assist licensees? What else should be in the Newsletter? We would appreciate your feedback. Email us and let us know your thoughts.