

**R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.**

**R156-68. Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act Rule.**

**R156-68-101. Title.**

This rule shall be known as the "Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act Rule."

**R156-68-102. Definitions.**

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 68, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 68 or this rule:

- (1) "AAPS" means American Association of Physician Specialists.
- (2) "ABMS" means American Board of Medical Specialties.
- (3) "ACCME" means Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.
- (4) "Alternate medical practices" as used in Section R156-68-603, means treatment or therapy which is determined in an adjudicative proceeding conducted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, to be:
  - (a) not generally recognized as standard in the practice of medicine;
  - (b) not shown by current generally accepted medical evidence to present a greater risk to the health, safety or welfare of the patient than does prevailing treatment considered to be the standard in the profession of medicine; and
  - (c) supported by a body of current generally accepted written documentation demonstrating the treatment or therapy has reasonable potential to be of benefit to the patient to whom the therapy or treatment is to be given.
- (5) "AMA" means the American Medical Association.
- (6) "AOA" means American Osteopathic Association.
- (7) "COMLEX" means the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination.
- (8) "FLEX" means the Federation of State Medical Boards Licensure Examination.
- (9) "FMGEMS" means the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in Medical Science.
- (10) "FSMB" means the Federation of State Medical Boards.
- (11) "Homeopathic medicine" means a system of medicine employing and limited to substances prepared and prescribed in accordance with the principles of homeopathic pharmacology as described in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, its compendia, addenda, and supplements, as officially recognized by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Public Law 717.21 U.S. Code Sec. 331 et seq., as well as the state of Utah's food and drug laws and Controlled Substances Act.
- (12) "LMCC" means the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.
- (13) "NBME" means the National Board of Medical Examiners.
- (14) "NBOME" means the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.
- (15) "NPDB" means the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- (16) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 68, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-68-502.
- (17) "USMLE" means the United States Medical Licensing Examination.

**R156-68-103. Authority - Purpose.**

This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 68.

**R156-68-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.**

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

**R156-68-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Application Requirements.**

In accordance with Subsections 58-68-301(1)(a)(i), submissions by the applicant of information maintained by practitioner data banks shall include the following:

- (1) American Osteopathic Association Profile or American Medical Association Profile;

- (2) Federation of State Medical Boards Disciplinary Inquiry form; and
- (3) National Practitioner Data Bank Report of Action.

**R156-68-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.**

- (1) In accordance with Subsection 58-68-302(1)(g), the required licensing examination sequence is the following:
  - (a) the NBOME parts I, II and III;
  - (b) the NBOME parts I, II and the NBOME COMPLEX Level III;
  - (c) the NBOME part I and the NBOME COMPLEX Level II and III;
  - (d) the NBOME COMPLEX Level I, II and III;
  - (e) the FLEX components I and II on which the applicant shall achieve a score of not less than 75 on each component;
  - (f) the NBME examination parts I, II and III on which the applicant shall achieve a score of not less than 75 on each part;
  - (g) the USMLE, steps 1, 2 and 3 on which the applicant shall achieve a score of not less than 75 on each step;
  - (h) the LMCC examination, Parts 1 and 2;
  - (i) the NBME part I or the USMLE step 1 and the NBME part II or the USMLE step 2 and the NBME part III or the USMLE step 3;
  - (j) the FLEX component 1 and the USMLE step 3; or
  - (k) the NBME part I or the USMLE step 1 and the NBME part II or the USMLE step 2 and the FLEX component 2.
- (2) In accordance with Subsections 58-68-302(1)(g), (2)(c) and (3)(d), an applicant may be required to take the SPEX examination if the applicant:
  - (a) has not practiced in the past five years;
  - (b) has had disciplinary action within the past five years; or
  - (c) has had a substance use disorder, physical or mental impairment within the past five years which may affect the applicant's ability to safely practice.
- (3) In accordance with Subsection (2) above, the passing score on the SPEX examination is 75.
- (4) In accordance with Subsection 58-68-302(2)(c), the medical specialty certification shall be current certification in an AOA, ABMS, or AAPS member specialty board.

**R156-68-302c. Qualifications for Licensure - Requirements for Admission to the Examinations.**

- (1) Admission to the NBOME examination shall be in accordance with policies and procedures of the NBOME. The division and the board have no responsibility for or ability to facilitate an individual's admission to the NBOME examination.
- (2) Admission to the USMLE steps 1 and 2 shall be in accordance with policies and procedures of the FSMB and the NBME. The division and the board have no responsibility for or ability to facilitate an individual's admission to steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE.
- (3) Requirements for admission to the USMLE step 3 are:
  - (a) completion of the education requirements as set forth in Subsection 58-68-302(1)(d) and (e);
  - (b) passing scores on USMLE steps 1 and 2, or the FLEX component I, or the NBME parts I and II;
  - (c) have passed the first USMLE step taken, either 1 or 2, within seven years; and
  - (d) have not failed a combination of USMLE step 3, FLEX component II and NBME part III, three times.
- (4) Candidates who fail a combination of USMLE step 3, FLEX component II and NBME part III three times must successfully complete additional education as required by the board before being allowed to retake the USMLE step 3.

**R156-68-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.**

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 68, is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

**R156-68-304. Qualified Continuing Professional Education.**

(1) The qualified continuing professional education set forth in Subsection 58-68-304(1) shall consist of 40 hours in each preceding two year licensure cycle.

(a) A minimum of 34 hours shall be in category 1 offerings as established by the AOA or ACCME.

(b) A maximum of 6 hours of continuing education may come from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(c) Participation in an AOA or ACGME approved residency program shall be considered to meet the continuing education requirement in a pro-rata amount equal to any part of that two year period.

(2) Continuing education under this section shall:

(a) be relevant to the licensee's professional practice;

(b) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training and experience to provide medical continuing education; and

(c) have a method of verification of attendance and completion which may include a "CME Self Reporting Log".

(3) Credit for continuing education shall be recognized in 50 minute hour blocks of time for education completed in formally established classroom courses, seminars, lectures, conferences or training sessions which meet the criteria listed in Subsection (2) above.

(4) A licensee must be able to document completion of the continuing professional education upon the request of the Division. Such documentation shall be retained until the next renewal cycle.

**R156-68-306. Exemptions From Licensure.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-1-307(1), exemptions from licensure as an osteopathic physician include the following:

(1) any physician exempted from licensure, who engages in prescribing, dispensing, or administering a controlled substance outside of a hospital, shall be required to apply for and obtain a Utah Controlled Substance License as a condition precedent to them administering, dispensing or prescribing a controlled substance;

(2) any physician appointed to a graduate medical education or training program which is not accredited by the AOA or ACGME, for which exemption from licensure is requested under the provisions of Subsection 58-1-307(1)(c), shall apply for registration with and receive approval of the division and board as a condition precedent to that individual engaging in any activity included in the practice of osteopathic medicine;

(3) any person engaged in a competent public screening program making measures of physiologic conditions including serum cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure, shall be exempt from licensure and shall not be considered to be engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine conditioned upon compliance with all of the following:

(a) all instruments or devices used in making measures are approved by the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, to the extent approval is required, and the instruments and devices are used in accordance with those approvals;

(b) the facilities and testing protocol meet any standards or personnel training requirements of the Utah Department of Health;

(c) unlicensed personnel shall not interpret results of measures or tests nor shall they make any recommendation with respect to treatment or the purchase of any product;

(d) licensed personnel shall act within the lawful scope of practice of their license classification;

(e) unlicensed personnel shall conform to the referral and follow-up protocol approved by the Utah Department of Health for each measure or test; and

(f) information provided to those persons measured or tested for the purpose of permitting them to interpret their own test results shall be only that approved by the Utah Department of Health.

(4) non-licensed public officials not having emergency medical technician (EMT) certification who are designated by appropriate county officials as first responders may be issued and allowed to carry the Mark I automatic antidote injector kits and may administer the antidote to himself or his designated first response "buddy". Prior to being issued the kits, the certified first responders would successfully complete the Army/FEMA course on the "Use of Auto-Injectors by Civilian Emergency Medical Personnel". The kits would be issued to the responder only by his employing government agency and procured through the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management. No other individuals, whether licensed or not, shall prescribe or issue these antidote kits.

**R156-68-502. Unprofessional Conduct.**

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) the prescribing for oneself any Schedule II or III controlled substance; however, nothing in this rule shall be interpreted by the division or the board to prevent a licensee from using, possessing, or administering to himself a Schedule II or III controlled substance which was legally prescribed for him by a licensed practitioner acting within his scope of licensure when it is used in accordance with the prescription order and for the use for which it was intended;

(2) knowingly, prescribing, selling, giving away or administering, directly or indirectly, or offering to prescribe, sell, furnish, give away or administer any scheduled controlled substance as defined in Title 58, Chapter 37 to a drug dependent person, as defined in Subsection 58-37-2(14) unless permitted by law and when it is prescribed, dispensed, or administered according to a proper medical diagnosis and for a condition indicating the use of that controlled substance is appropriate;

(3) knowingly engaging in billing practices which are abusive and represent charges which are grossly excessive for services rendered;

(4) directly or indirectly giving or receiving any fee, commission, rebate or other compensation for professional services not actually and personally rendered or supervised; however, nothing in this section shall preclude the legal relationships within lawful professional partnerships, corporations, or associations or the relationship between an approved supervising physician and physician assistants or advanced practice nurses supervised by them;

(5) knowingly failing to transfer a copy of pertinent and necessary medical records or a summary thereof to another physician when requested to do so by the subject patient or by his legally designated representative;

(6) failing to furnish to the board information requested by the board which is known by a licensee with respect to the quality and adequacy of medical care rendered to patients by osteopathic physicians licensed under the Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

(7) failing as an operating surgeon to perform adequate pre-operative and primary post-operative care of the surgical condition for a patient in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession or to arrange for competent primary post-operative care of the surgical condition by a licensed physician and surgeon or osteopathic physician who is equally qualified to provide that care;

(8) billing a global fee for a procedure without providing the requisite care;

(9) supervising the providing of breast screening by diagnostic mammography services or interpreting the results of breast screening by diagnostic mammography to or

for the benefit of any patient without having current certification or current eligibility for certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology or the American Board of Radiology. However, nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to prevent a licensed physician from reviewing the results of any breast screening by diagnostic mammography procedure upon a patient for the purpose of considering those results in determining appropriate care and treatment of that patient if the results are interpreted by a physician qualified under this subsection and a timely written report is prepared by the interpreting physician in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession;

(10) failing of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 68, without just cause to repay as agreed any loan or other repayment obligation legally incurred by the licensee to fund the licensee's education or training as an osteopathic physician;

(11) failing of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 68, without just cause to comply with the terms of any written agreement in which the licensee's education or training as an osteopathic physician is funded in consideration for the licensee's agreement to practice in a certain locality or type of locality or to comply with other conditions of practice following licensure;

(12) a physician providing services to a department of health by participating in a system under which the physician provides the department with completed and signed prescriptions without the name and address of the patient, or date the prescription is provided to the patient when the prescription form is to be completed by authorized registered nurses employed by the department of health which services are not in accordance with the provisions of Section 58-17a-620;

(13) engaging in alternative medical practice except as provided in Section R156-68-603; and

(14) violation of any provision of the American Medical Association's (AMA) "Code of Medical Ethics", 2008-2009 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**R156-68-602. Medical Records.**

In accordance with Subsection 58-68-803(1), medical records shall be maintained to be consistent with the following:

(1) all applicable laws, regulations, and rules; and

(2) the AMA "Code of Medical Ethics", 2008-2009 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**R156-68-603. Alternate Medical Practice.**

(1) A licensed osteopathic physician may engage in alternate medical practices as defined in Subsection R156-68-102(4) and shall not be considered to be engaged in unprofessional conduct on the basis that it is not in accordance with generally accepted professional or ethical standards as unprofessional conduct defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(b), if the licensed osteopathic physician:

(a) possesses current generally accepted written documentation, which in the opinion of the board, demonstrates the treatment or therapy has reasonable potential to be of benefit to the patient to whom the therapy or treatment is to be given;

(b) possesses the education, training, and experience to competently and safely administer the alternate medical treatment or therapy;

(c) has advised the patient with respect to the alternate medical treatment or therapy, in writing, including:

(i) that the treatment or therapy is not in accordance with generally recognized standards of the profession;

(ii) that on the basis of current generally accepted medical evidence, the physician and surgeon finds that the treatment or therapy presents no greater threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the patient than prevailing generally recognized standard medical practice; and

(iii) that the prevailing generally recognized standard medical treatment or therapy for the patient's condition has been offered to be provided, or that the physician and surgeon will refer the patient to another physician and surgeon who can provide the standard medical treatment or therapy; and

(d) has obtained from the patient a voluntary informed consent consistent with generally recognized current medical and legal standards for informed consent in the practice of medicine, including:

(i) evidence of advice to the patient in accordance with Subsection (c); and

(ii) whether the patient elects to receive generally recognized standard treatment or therapy combined with alternate medical treatment or therapy, or elects to receive alternate medical treatment or therapy only.

(2) Alternate medical practice includes the practice of homeopathic medicine.

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