# NEW JERSEY REGISTER VOLUME 37, NUMBER 11 MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005 RULE ADOPTION LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.13, 8.19, 9.6 and 10.7

Proposed: January 18, 2005 at 37 N.J.R. 206(a).

Adopted: April 13, 2005, by the State Board of Medical Examiners, Bernard Robins, M.D., President.

Filed: May 4, 2005 as R.2005 d.175, with substantive and technical changes not requiring additional public notice and comment (see N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.3).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:9-2 and 45:1-3.2.

Effective Date: June 6, 2005. Expiration Date: March 17, 2010.

Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendations and Agency Response:

A public hearing on the State Board of Medical Examiners' Fee proposal was held on March 2, 2005, at the Division of Consumer Affairs, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Notice of the public hearing was published in the February 7, 2005 New Jersey Register at 37 N.J.R. 422(a). Devon L. Graf, Regulatory Analyst, presided over the hearing. Copies of the transcript and the public hearing report are available by contacting the State Board of Medical Examiners at Post Office Box 183, Trenton, NJ 08625-0183. Based on the written and oral testimony, the hearing officer did not recommend any specific amendments to the proposal. The Board has considered the recommendations of the hearing officer and all of the public comments and has made changes to the proposal as outlined below.

# **Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:**

The official comment period ended March 19, 2005. The Board received comments from the following individuals:

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- 1. COMMENT: Commenters state that the proposed biennial licensing fee increase for physicians from \$340.00 to \$610.00 is unjustified, especially in light of existing services provided by the Board. Some of the commenters made references to various percentage increases including 50 percent, 55 percent, 80 percent, 97 percent and 100 percent. Commenters suggest that the increase be phased in over several years, that the fee increases be tied to inflation or third-party reimbursement rates, or that the Board operate with a deficit.

RESPONSE: The Board believes that the proposed increase of \$270.00, or 79 percent, is fully justified. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-3.2, all professional and occupational licensing boards must fund their operating costs through the assessment of licensing and other fees but the fees are limited to that amount necessary to pay such expenses. Specifically, the statute states, "Any board's or commission's charges established, prescribed or changed pursuant to this section shall be established, prescribed or changed to such extent as shall be necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by the board or commission in the performance of its duties but such charges shall not be fixed at a level that will raise amounts in excess of the amount estimated to be so required."

Because of this statute, the State professional licensing boards within the Division of Consumer Affairs, including the State Board of Medical Examiners, must review their spending plans and adjust their licensing and other fees accordingly. Specifically, the State Board of Medical Examiners' spending plan reflects expenditures associated with implementation of the web-based profiling system pertaining to physicians and podiatrists as mandated by P.L. 2003, c.96 (N.J.S.A. 45:9-22.21 et seq.). The Board also determined that in an effort to better address the needs of consumers and licensees, there was a need for 23 new positions, including a Director of Education required by P.L. 2001, c.307 (N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.6), new customer service representatives and additional staff to more effectively review and process consumer complaints and to enhance consumer and licensee services. Furthermore, the Board has been required to pay higher fringe benefit costs as assessed by the State Department of Treasury and has determined that technology enhancements, such as a new telephone system, are necessary to provide services more effectively and efficiently.

Although the Board appreciates the alternatives suggested by some commenters as to phasing in the increase or having the increase tied to the inflation rate or reimbursement rates, the Board utilization of these measures would be inappropriate because the existing statute requires that the Board balance its annual budget expenses from revenues raised through fees, penalties and fines.

As noted below in its Summary of Changes on Adoption, the Board has adopted an initial and renewal licensing fee for physicians that is lower than the proposed amount. The adopted biennial licensing fee of \$580.00 is approximately 71 percent higher than the previous biennial licensing fee for physicians.

2. COMMENT: Commenters state that other economic pressures, including the high cost of medical malpractice insurance, low third-party reimbursement rates, the recently enacted gross receipts tax and imposition of sales tax on cosmetic surgery, the recent surcharge imposed on all licensees to help defray the cost of malpractice insurance for certain licensees, an increased obligation to perform uncompensated charity care, practice infringement by other licensed health care professionals, and the cost of operating their practices, make the proposed \$270.00 increase for physicians difficult. Commenters also state that these economic conditions have caused residency graduates to elect to leave New Jersey and are making New Jersey inhospitable to physicians currently practicing in this State, potentially resulting in a revolution.

RESPONSE: The Board understands these economic pressures on physicians; however, as stated above, this increase

is necessary to pay for existing services as well as to implement various improvements in the services provided by the Board and to make the processes of licensing and overseeing the Board's licensees more efficient and effective. The Board disagrees that graduates of New Jersey residency programs are choosing not to practice in this State because there has been no significant decrease in the numbers of residency permit and/or new license applications and the number of new licenses issued over the past three years. The Board sees no basis upon which to conclude that the proposed increase in licensing fees would significantly exacerbate the situation. The Board notes that economic conditions for physicians practicing in New Jersey are more challenging than in the past but notes that these issues are, for the most part, outside the jurisdiction or control of the Board.

3. COMMENT: Commenters do not believe that the Board should pay for the physician profile system and suggests that the funding for its implementation should come from the Division of Consumer Affairs. Some commenters suggest that the public pay a fee to use the profiling system.

RESPONSE: The Board states that neither the Division of Consumer Affairs nor the units within the Division are funded by general revenues of the State for professional board costs. The Division receives its funding for its operations through the recovery of administrative costs by assessing those offices, boards and bureaus under the Division, which have been authorized to charge fees, for the services provided by the Division. Therefore, in order to pay for Division expenditures, funding for these expenditures must ultimately come from the various offices, boards and bureaus under the Division.

The Division of Consumer Affairs, in consultation with the Board, carefully reviewed the requirements for the physician profiling system. The expenditure of these funds has included significant costs related directly to physicians and podiatrists: the correcting of Board data concerning licensees, the surveying of all current physician and podiatrist licensees, the processing of physician and podiatrist telephone calls related to the profiling system and the editing of information relating to physician and podiatrist data on the profiling system. In addition, the implementation of the physician profiling system is directly related to licensees of only one board, the State Board of Medical Examiners. Therefore, the Division determined that the most appropriate and fairest method for allocating the cost for establishing the physician profiling system would be to assess to the State Board of Medical Examiners. This assessment is consistent with cost accounting principles in which the Division assesses those costs related to specific unit(s) since it would not be appropriate to have those unaffected entities pay for such specific expenditures. However, the Division has noted that should other professional licensing boards be included in the profiling system, costs that are not directly related to the State Board of Medical Examiners and that can be appropriately allocated to those other professional licensing boards will be reimbursed to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The Board reviewed the issue as to whether a user fee could be implemented, and it was determined that N.J.S.A. 45:9-22.22 does not allow for the Board to charge any fee to the public for using the system.

4. COMMENT: A commenter suggests that the biennial license fee be pro-rated for those who retire during the biennial period.

RESPONSE: The Board appreciates the suggestion, but it is outside the scope of this rulemaking. The Board notes that under N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.1, retired physicians who no longer practice may be registered as retired without a fee and under N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.15, physicians who are over 65 years of age and practice without health care facility or health maintenance affiliation and physicians who practice solely as volunteers are eligible to pay a reduced biennial license fee of \$125.00.

5. COMMENT: A commenter states that the proposed biennial licensing fee for physicians is excessive and higher than most states.

RESPONSE: The Board does not believe that the fee is excessive as explained above. In addition, while many states have lower licensing fees, physician licensing fees imposed by some states, including Alaska, California and New York, are approximately the same as this Board proposed, and the biennial licensing fees imposed by the states of Connecticut and Texas are considerable higher at \$900.00 and \$750.00, respectively. The Board notes that the fees for biennial licensure imposed by other states may not be comparable since other states may have other sources of funding, such as other fees, or may be subsidized by other non-fee sources of revenue.

6. COMMENT: A commenter suggests that the Board increase the licensing fees for attorneys who deal in medicallegal matters.

RESPONSE: The regulation of attorneys is beyond the authority of this Board, and as a result, this Board can only collect fees from its licensees. Attorneys who are licensed in this State are regulated by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

7. COMMENT: A commenter inquires whether other New Jersey professional licensees are subject to a licensing fee of this amount.

RESPONSE: As required by N.J.S.A. 45:1-3.2, each individual professional board is required to balance its budget to meet expenses from fees and other revenue received. Therefore, the amount of each board's license fee is determined by that board based on the number of licensees, the nature and extent of regulation and other unique factors. A comparison of one board to another would not be meaningful.

8. COMMENT: Commenters state that certain administration processes, such as the application and renewal processes, should be improved.

RESPONSE: The Board has been implementing improvements to its operations to allow for quicker responses to applicant and licensee inquiries and to allow for more efficient and effective use of staff. For example, the Board is implementing a new phone system and is hiring more customer service personnel to ensure that all phone calls are answered in a timely basis. Furthermore, the Board is also implementing online application and license renewal options that will expedite and simplify these processes, affording convenience to the regulated community.

9. COMMENT: A commenter suggests that the Board move toward a smaller staff and less aggressive agenda.

RESPONSE: The Board's agenda is dictated by its statutory obligations and regulatory mandates which include: reviewing and licensing qualified applicants for licensure as physicians and other health care providers, investigating and disciplining licensees who fail to meet statutory and regulatory requirements, reviewing existing and upcoming practice issues that may require Board action, etc. These mandates and the Board's decisions as to the best methods of addressing them dictate the appropriate level of staffing and other operational requirements.

10. COMMENT: Commenters state that the Board is not taking actions to decrease the pressures imposed by managed care, such as making health management organizations (HMO) increase reimbursements. Commenters state that medicine is the only profession in which the fees paid to the professional are regulated.

RESPONSE: The Board states that its statutory jurisdiction is over licensees and not insurance companies or HMOs. Therefore, the Board is unable to change reimbursement rates or other contractual issues related to reimbursement rates. The Board disagrees with the statement that medicine is the only profession with regulated fees and notes that insurance companies often establish reimbursement criteria for claims.

11. COMMENT: Commenters state that certain licensees will be hit harder by the increased biennial licensing fee for physicians, such as those performing emergency medicine, sole proprietors and physicians who are semi-retired.

RESPONSE: The Board notes that each licensee's individual economic circumstance is affected by many facets of the practice and their related costs. The Board is unable to adjust its fees based on an individual physician's ability to pay since that would require considerable resources to establish and monitor and would drive the licensing fees even higher. However, the Board notes that under N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.15, physicians who are over 65 years of age and practice without health care facility or health maintenance affiliation and physicians who practice solely as volunteers are eligible to pay a reduced biennial license fee of \$125.00.

12. COMMENT: Commenters state that the 23 new positions may not be necessary. Furthermore, the commenters suggest that these positions will not be filled and as a result, there is no need to increase fees to pay for them.

RESPONSE: As stated above, the Board believes that these positions are important to provide the increased level of service necessary to perform its functions. The Board notes that 13 of the 23 new positions are filled and several of the remaining 10 are in the process of being hired. Therefore, the fees will be needed to pay for the costs of these positions. However, after further review and as noted below in the Summary of Changes on Adoption, six of these positions have been removed from the budget and will not be filled. As a result, the Board has reduced the licensing fees for physicians as discussed below in the Summary of Changes on Adoption.

13. COMMENT: Commenters state that the fee increase is a disguised tax increase because surplus funds will be taken from the Board and used for general State purposes.

RESPONSE: The Board disagrees that any monies obtained through licensing fees will be taken and used for purposes not related to the Board. Under the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2005, c.71, page 143) and consistent with N.J.S.A. 45:1-3.2, unexpended balances of the various professional boards from the previous fiscal year were appropriated for the boards to expend this fiscal year as approved by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. This language has been recommended by the Governor for inclusion in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2006 budget. This language has had the result of ensuring that the intent of N.J.S.A. 45:1-3.2 is fully realized since this statute requires that the Boards' fee revenues are to be dedicated solely to the operations of the Boards and not diverted for unrelated purposes. Since the boards operate on biennial budget and fee cycles, it has been critical that these funds remain for board purposes. Therefore, considering the Governor's recommended language and the history of allowing unexpended funds to carry forward to the next fiscal year, the Board expects that no fee revenues will be diverted for other purposes should salary expenditures or any other expenditure fall below the proposed budget and left as a surplus in the Board's account. In the event of a surplus, the Board would experience less need for a future fee increase.

# **Summary of Changes on Adoption:**

Upon adoption, the Board has elected to amend N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.13(a)1 to reduce the initial and renewal biennial license fees for physicians from the proposed amount of \$610.00 to \$580.00 and to also reduce the initial license fee for physicians who are licensed during the second year of a biennial renewal from the proposed amount of \$305.00 to \$290.00. Upon consideration by the Board of the many comments it received, the Board determined that it was able to reduce the burden on physician licensees while still pursuing its commitment to improved services. In making this reduction, the Board reviewed its budget and determined that certain savings could be achieved, including savings from the reduction of funded new positions from the proposed 23 to 17 and the reduction of postage and copying expenses. In addition, the Board has decided that the biennial licensing fees for podiatrists and bio-analytical laboratory directors should be increased to make the licensing fees for podiatrists the same as for physicians and to increase the fee for the laboratory directors at a similar rate of increase as for physicians. These increases are included in a separate rule proposal, published elsewhere in this issue of the New Jersey Register, and will generate sufficient funding to offset the anticipated reduction in revenue from the adopted reduction in the proposed physician's licensing fees.

### **Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted rule amendments are not subject to any Federal standards or requirements.

Full text of the adoption follows:

(Agency Note: The text of N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.13, 8.19, 9.6 and 10.7 below includes amendments to those sections adopted effective April 18, 2005 at 37 N.J.R. 1203(a).)

<< NJ ADC 13:35-6.13 >>

### 13:35-6.13 Fee schedule

(a) The following fees shall be charged by the Board of Medical Examiners:

- 1. Medicine and Surgery (M.D. or D.O. license)
- i. (No change.)
- ii. Initial registration fee
- (1) If paid during the first year of a biennial 580.00 renewal period
- (2) If paid during the second year of a biennial 290.00 renewal period
- iii.-v. (No change.)
- vi. Biennial registration 580.00
- vii.-viii. (No change.)
- 2. Podiatry (license)
- i.-ii. (No change.)
- iii. Initial registration fee
- (1) If paid during the first year of a biennial 410.00 renewal period
- (2) If paid during the second year of a biennial 205.00 renewal period
- iv. (No change.)
- v. Biennial registration 410.00
- vi.-vii. (No change.)
- 3. Bioanalytical laboratory directorship, plenary license
- i.-iii. (No change.)
- iv. Initial registration fee
- (1) If paid during the first year of a biennial 270.00 renewal period
- (2) If paid during the second year of a biennial 135.00 renewal period
- v. Biennial registration 270.00
- 4. Midwifery (license)
- i.-iii. (No change.)
- iv. Initial registration fee
- (1) If paid during the first year of a biennial 270.00 renewal period
- (2) If paid during the second year of a biennial 135.00 renewal period
- v. Biennial license 270.00
- vi. (No change.)
- 5. Physician assistant (license)
- i.-ii. (No change.)
- iii. Initial license fee
- (1) If paid during the first year of a biennial 220.00 renewal period
- (2) If paid during the second year of a biennial 110.00 renewal period
- iv. License renewal fee, biennial 220.00
- v.-viii. (No change.)
- 6. (No change.)

<< NJ ADC 13:35-6.19 >>

### 13:35-8.19 Fee schedule

- (a) The fee schedule for the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee of the State Board of Medical Examiners, in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall be as follows:
- 1. Application fee \$50.00 (non-refundable)
- 2.-4. (No change.)
- 5. Initial License Fee
- i. If paid during the first year of a biennial renewal period \$180.00
- ii. If paid during the second year of a biennial renewal period \$90.00
- 6. (No change.)
- 7. Biennial license renewal \$180.00
- 8. (No change.)

- 9. Late fee \$50.00
- 10. Reinstatement, Biennial License \$100.00
- 11.-13. (No change.)
- (b)-(c) (No change.)

<< NJ ADC 13:35-9.6 >>

# 13:35-9.6 Fee schedule; refunds

- (a) The Board shall charge the following fees:
- 1.-3. (No change.)
- 4. Initial Registration Fee
- i. If paid during the first year of a biennial renewal period \$270.00
- ii. If paid during the second year of a biennial renewal period \$135.00
- 5. Biennial Registration \$270.00
- 6.-11. (No change.)
- (b)-(d) (No change.)

<< NJ ADC 13:35-10.7 >>

### 13:35-10.7 Fees

- (a) The following fees shall be charged by the Board for athletic trainer licensure:
- 1. Application Fee \$100.00
- 2. (No change in text.)
- 3. Initial Licensure Fee
- i. If paid during the first year of a biennial renewal \$80.00 period
- ii. If paid during the second year of a biennial renewal \$40.00 period
- 4. Biennial renewal \$80.00
- 5.-6. (No change in text.)

Recodify existing 6. and 7. as <<+7. and 8.+>> (No change in text.)

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