

**State Board of Medical Examiners
Board Agenda
January 9, 2008**

ROLL CALL

**STATEMENT CONCERNING THE
ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER - 2008 BOARD MEETING DATES

January 9	July 9
February 13	August 13
March 19	September 10
April 9	October 15
May 21	November 12
June 11	December 3

MINUTES Approval of the December 12, 2007 Open Board Minutes

MINUTES Approval of the December 17, 2007 Open Credentials Committee Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

1. GARCIA V. HEALTHNET AND WAYNE SURGICAL CENTER

At its meeting on December 12, 2007, the Board of Medical Examiners reviewed the recent decision of Judge Robert P. Contillo, J.S.C. in Garcia v. HealthNet and Wayne Surgical Center and entertained an application from the Medical Society of New Jersey and other physician organizations ("Applicant") seeking the issuance of a Special Advisory Opinion. The Board also heard public comments from a number of interested persons, including representatives of physician groups and two insurers (HealthNet and Allstate). Attached is a copy of the Court's opinion and the Board statement in response to the information presented at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2. RULE PROPOSAL

As the members are aware, an amendment to the Board's regulation on Postgraduate Training; Registration and Permit Requirements for Graduate Medical Education Programs in Medicine or Podiatry; Standards for Licensure of Physicians Graduated from Medical Schools Not Approved by American National Accrediting Agencies; Standards for Licensure of Physicians Graduated from Medical Schools Approved by American National Accrediting Agencies was published in the New Jersey Register for notice and comment on September 17, 2007. The comment period ended on November 16, 2007. Only one comment was received from the Medical Society. Attached is a copy of the draft response and approval is sought to publish this in the New Jersey Register as a final adoption.

3. Senate Bill No. 2946

Seek to permit physicians to refer patients to certain physician owned hospitals.

The Bill was introduced on or about November 18, 2007 and referred to the Senate Health Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

The Board reviewed the proposal at its December meeting and referred it to the the Executive Committee for further review. The Executive Committee does not recommend making any comments on this bill.

INFORMATIONAL

PUBLIC COMMENT