

ROLL CALL

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES Approval of the November 14, 2012 Open Board Minutes

Approval of the September 24, 2012 Open Athletic
Trainers' Minutes

Approval of the September 21, 2012 Open Physicians
Assistant Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO HEARING AID DISPENSERS REGULATIONS

Attached is a draft to the Hearing Aid Dispenser regulations for the committee's review.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO N.J.A.C. 26:6a-4 NEW JERSEY DECLARATION OF DEATH ACT

Attached is correspondence from the counsel for the New Jersey Law Review Commission seeking an opinion from the Board concerning elimination of its regulatory authority to set standards for brain death determination.

ASSEMBLY BILL 3618

Seeks to require certain disclosures in advertisements by health care professionals.

SENATE BILL 2354 **“CONSUMER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE ACT”**

Seeks to Eliminate the requirement of joint protocol with the physician for advanced practice nurses to prescribe medication.

The Executive Committee did not support this bill because it essentially eviscerates the current requirement and in essence, this would create a completely independent practice which essentially allows APNs to practice medicine. The Committee believed that there should be the continued ability to establish parameters when the physician should be brought in to determine the appropriate course of treatment under certain circumstances. If this bill were to pass, this value in having a joint protocol would be lost. There was also some concern that the malpractice carriers may raise premiums which are relatively low currently and with the elimination of this agreement, premiums may increase. To the extent that the statute changes with the elimination of the joint protocol, the Committee had concerns that it raises their scope of practice to essentially an independent, practice of medicine. While the Committee recognized that this

may permit more Consumer Access to health care, such access should be coupled with adequate Consumer information. The Committee expressed concerns that in the construct created by this bill and within the health care delivery market as a whole with more and more different levels of practitioners, it becomes paramount that consumers be advised of the scope and identity of those that are providing the health care. Such information is in the best interest of the patient.

OLD BUSINESS

Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act Public Law 2011, Chapter 145

This Act, signed into Law on December 20, 2011, provides, among other things, that the Board requires as a condition of renewal that physicians complete at least two credits of educational programs or topics related to end of life care. It further provides that the Board adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the section. The Executive Committee has drafted the attached regulation for approval for publication in the *New Jersey Register* as a proposal. The Committee recognized that it is doubtful that the regulation will be finalized for the upcoming renewal in 2013. The Committee also is requesting that the Board waive compliance with this requirement until the 2015 renewal cycle so as to afford its licensees ample opportunity to meet the requirement.

PRESCRIBING, ADMINISTERING AND DISPENSING ANABOLIC STEROIDS

AND HUMAN GROWTH HORMONES
N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.9

On October 15, 2012, the Board's proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.9, Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Anabolic Steroids and Human Growth Hormones, was published in the *New Jersey Register* for notice and comment. No comments were received. Approval by the Board is sought to publish the attached as an adoption.

INFORMATIONAL

Nothing Provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT