**Section 1285.80 Licensure by Endorsement**

a) Each applicant currently licensed in another jurisdiction who applies to the Division for a license to practice medicine in all of its branches on the basis of endorsement must cause to be submitted to the Division:

1) A signed application, on which all questions have been answered and all programs of medical education attended by the applicant have been identified, including dates of attendance;

2) Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activities that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

3) An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a);

4) An official transcript and diploma or official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program granting the degree that shall be evidence that the applicant has met the minimum medical education requirements of the Act;

5) Certification on forms provided by the Division, that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 and proof of current ECFMG certification as set forth in Section 1285.20(k) for those applicants who are applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Act;

6) An original, notarized English translation for any document submitted to the Division in a foreign language;

7) Certification of postgraduate clinical training in the United States or Canada;

8) Certification from the jurisdiction of original and current licensure stating:

A) The date of issuance of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;

9) The fee required by Section 21 of the Act; and

10) Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP, an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

b) If an applicant for licensure as a physician to practice medicine in all of its branches has a Profile from the Federation Credentials Verification Service of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., the applicant will be required to submit the following:

1) A Profile that includes, but is not limited to, verification of medical education, ECFMG Certification (if applicable), clinical training and complete examination information. The information contained in the applicant's Profile shall be reviewed by the Division in order to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for licensure as set forth in the Act and this Part;

2) A fully completed Illinois medical application, on forms provided by the Division, signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered;

3) Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the Illinois application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activity that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

4) An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a);

5) Individuals applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Act shall also submit certification, on forms provided by the Division, that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 of this Part;

6) A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:

A) The date of issuance and status of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;

7) Fees as required by Section 21 of the Act; and

8) Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP, an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

c) In addition to submitting the application required in subsections (a) and (b), each applicant for licensure to practice medicine in all of its branches pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Act upon the basis of having passed a National Board of Medical Examiners Examination prior to January 1, 1964, or having passed a National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Examination before June 1, 1973, or having passed the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) before May 1, 1970, or having passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) prior to June 1, 1968, or a State Constructed Examination, shall, subject as hereinafter provided, pass an examination conducted by the Division or its designated testing service to test the clinical competence of the applicant (clinical test). The Division upon recommendation of the Medical Licensing Board has determined that the examination conducted under this Section shall be Component 2 of the FLEX prior to December 31, 1993, USMLE Step 3 after January 1, 1994 or the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Special Purpose Examination for the United States of America (COMSPEX-USA) as determined by the Board.

1) To be successful in the Component 2 examination of the FLEX, USMLE Step 3, SPEX or COMSPEX-USA, applicants must receive a minimum score of 75 or the passing score set by the authorized testing entity. In the case of failure on 3 attempts of the Component 2 examination, USMLE Step 3, SPEX or COMSPEX-USA, or any combination thereof, the application for licensure on the basis of endorsement shall be denied. The individuals may thereafter submit an application for licensure on the basis of examination and, if qualified, take the entire examination referenced in Section 1285.60(a)(1), (2) and (3) in accordance with the manner described in that Section.

2) The Medical Licensing Board may, in its discretion and in individual cases where the applicable conditions of Section 19 of the Act have been satisfied, make a recommendation to the Director of the Division (Director) for the waiver of the clinical examination requirement herein provided with respect to any such applicant for a license to practice medicine in all of its branches after full consideration of the quality of his/her medical education and clinical training or practical experience, including, but not limited to, whether the applicant is Board Certified in a specialty, has achieved special honors or awards, has had articles published in recognized and reputable journals, has written or participated in the writing of textbooks in medicine and any other circumstance or attribute that the Medical Licensing Board accepts as evidence that the applicant has outstanding and proven ability in any branch of medicine.

d) Each applicant currently licensed in another jurisdiction who applies to the Division for a license in Illinois as a chiropractic physician by endorsement must cause to be sent to the Division:

1) A signed application on which all questions have been answered and all programs of chiropractic education attended by the applicant have been identified, including dates of attendance;

2) An official transcript of the courses of instruction prerequisite to professional training in a college, university or other institution for those applying pursuant to Section 11(B)(2) of the Act;

3) An official transcript and copy of diploma or official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program granting the degree; the transcript shall indicate that the applicant has met the minimum chiropractic education requirements of the Act;

4) Proof that the applicant is of good moral character and has not engaged in any conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities which would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

5) Successful completion of Part I, Part II and Part III of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

A) The Medical Licensing Board may, in its discretion and in individual cases where the applicable conditions of Section 19 of the Act have not been satisfied, make a recommendation to the Director to require an applicant to successfully complete the Special Purposes Exam for Chiropractors (SPEC) or Part III of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

B) The Medical Licensing Board may recommend a waiver of Part III of the examination or the SPEC requirement. In making the recommendation, the Licensing Board shall consider the quality of the chiropractic education and practical experience, including, but not limited to, whether he/she is Board Certified in a specialty, has achieved special honors or awards, has had articles published in recognized and reputable journals, has written or participated in the writing of textbooks in chiropractic and any other circumstance or attribute which the Medical Licensing Board accepts as evidence that the applicant has outstanding and proven ability in chiropractic;

6) Certification from the jurisdiction of original and current licensure stating:

A) The date of issuance of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of any disciplinary action taken or pending;

7) The fee required by Section 21 of the Act; and

8) Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP, an ISP live scan vendor whose equipment has been certified by ISP, or a fingerprint vendor agency licensed by the Division. Out-of-state residents unable to utilize the ISP electronic fingerprint process may submit to ISP one fingerprint card issued by ISP, accompanied by the fee specified by ISP. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application.

e) Pursuant to Section 9.7 of the Act, the Division shall check the criminal background of each endorsement applicant through the Federation of State Medical Boards or Chiropractic Information Network-Board Action Database (CIN-BAD).

f) When the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or training is questioned by the Division or the Medical Licensing Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure shall be requested to:

1) Provide information as may be necessary; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Licensing Board to explain the relevance or sufficiency, clarify information or clear up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

g) Within 60 days after issuance of the license, the physician shall complete a physician profile in accordance with Section 1285.305.

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