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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, § 41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 20th day of January, 2022, and filed with the agency secretary on the 20th day of January, 2022.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

X Amendment Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 540-X-7-.04

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Requirements for the Issuance of a License to Practice as a Physician Assistant (P.A.)

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:


No comments received. There were non-substantive changes from proposal. Inclusion of the to accrediting bodies in paragraph (1)(a) was made in error.

(1)(a) Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of successful completion of a training program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the ~~Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)~~, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or their successor agencies;

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XL, ISSUE NO. 2, AAM, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2021.

Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Ala. Code §§ 34-24-290, et. seq.

(Date Filed)
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Certifying Officer or his or her
Deputy

NOTE: In accordance with §41 22 6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.

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LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

540-X-7-.04 Requirements For The Issuance Of A License To Practice As A Physician Assistant (P.A.).

(1) To qualify for a license to practice as a physician assistant an individual must meet the following requirements:

(a) Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of successful completion of a training program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the ~~Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)~~, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or their successor agencies;

(b) Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of successful completion of the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) as administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA);

(c) Submit an application on forms approved by the Board; and

(d) Pay the required license application fee as determined by the Board.

(e) Beginning October 1, 2008, submit to a criminal history background check which includes the following:

(i) Provide fingerprints and execute a criminal history information release using forms provided by the Board; and

(ii) Pay a criminal history background check fee in an amount established in Rule 540-X-3-.09(2).

Fingerprints provided by an applicant shall be submitted to the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), which is responsible for forwarding the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history record check. Information received by the Board pursuant to a criminal history background check shall be confidential and shall not be a public record, except that such information received and relied upon in denying the issuance of a license to practice as a physician assistant in this state may be disclosed as may be necessary to support the denial.

(2) Documentation submitted through the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) may be accepted to demonstrate compliance with the credentialing requirements of this rule.

Author: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-290, et. seq.

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