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CHAPTER 170. PAIN MANAGEMENT

§170.1, Purpose

The Amendments to §170.1, concerning Purpose, clarify the requirements related to a physician's treatment of pain. Throughout the section, amendments modify language so that the provisions are more clearly delineated as minimum requirements that a physician must do in every case when treating pain. Terms such as "policy" and "guideline(s)" have been changed to read as "rule(s)" and "minimum requirements", and the term "should" has been changed in certain cases to "must."

§170.2, Definitions

The Amendments to §170.2, concerning Definitions, delete definitions for "improper pain treatment" and "non-therapeutic" found in paragraphs (8) and (9) respectively, as such terms are encompassed in the concept of the standard of care that will be determined and applied by the board in reviewing a physician's treatment of pain. Other amendments reflect renumbering to account for the deleted provisions.

§170.3, Guidelines

The Amendments to §170.3, concerning Guidelines, change the title of the section to "Minimum Requirements for the Treatment of Pain." The amendments further clarify the requirements related to a physician's treatment of pain. Throughout the section, amendments modify language so that the provisions are more clearly delineated as minimum requirements that a physician must do in every case when treating pain. Terms such as "policy" and "guideline(s)" have been changed to read as "rule(s)" and "minimum requirements", and the term "should" has been changed to "must."