2010 Board Rule Changes

The following is a summary of the changes effective on May 2, 2010. Click <u>here</u> for the complete board rules.

Chapter 183, Acupuncture: new amendments to§183.4, <u>Licensure</u>, which increases number of attempts on Acupuncture JP exam upon showing of good cause; §183.9, <u>Impaired</u> <u>Acupuncturists</u>, regarding procedures for probable cause hearings for mental and physical examinations, implementation of Physician Health Program for Impaired Acupuncturists.

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Chapter 187, Procedural Rules: new amendments to §187.43, <u>Proceedings for the</u> <u>Modification/Termination of Agreed Orders and Disciplinary Orders</u>, will prohibit probationers from requesting modification/termination of an order if the probationer is under investigation for alleged noncompliance with the order, and clarifies that modification/termination requests may be made yearly since the effective date of an order; proposed new Subchapter I Proceedings for Cease and Desist Orders, subchapter based on passage of HB2256 passed during the 81st Legislative session; §187.83, <u>Proceedings for Cease and Desist Orders</u>, establishes the procedures for cease and desist orders to be issued by the executive director after the opportunity for participation in an informal settlement conference; §187.84, <u>Violation of Cease and Desist</u> <u>Orders</u>, establishes the penalties for violation of cease and desist orders; proposed new Subchapter J, Procedures Related to Out of Network Health Benefit Claim Dispute Resolution, subchapter based on passage of HB2256 passed during the 81st Legislative session; §187.85, <u>Purpose and Construction</u>; §187.86, <u>Scope</u>; §187.87, <u>Definitions</u>; §187.88, <u>Complaint Process and Resolution</u>; and §187.89, <u>Notice of Availability of Mandatory Mediation</u>.

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Chapter 189, Compliance Program: new amendments to §189.2, <u>Definitions</u> amends the title "chief of compliance" to "compliance manager"; §189.3, <u>Responsibilities of Probationers</u>, sets out the requirements for third party reports submitted to the Board in relation to a probationer's order with the Board; §189.8, <u>Procedures Relating to Non-compliance</u>, amends the title "chief of compliance" to "compliance manager."

http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/archive/April232010/adopted/22.EXAMINING%20BOARDS. html#375 **Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines:** new amendments to §190.14, <u>Disciplinary Sanction</u> <u>Guidelines</u>, provides that if a physician is determined to have negotiated in bad faith in relation to an out-of-network health benefit claim, the licensee may be fined up to \$2,000 by the Board.

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Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia Services and Pain Management Clinics: : new amendments delete references to Pain Management Clinics; §192.1, <u>Definitions</u>; §192.2, <u>Provision of Anesthesia Services in Outpatient Settings</u>, require that anesthesia services and equipment provided in an outpatient setting remain available until the patient is discharged; §192.4, <u>Registration</u>, excludes Level I services from registration requirements and deletes languages relating to pain management clinics; §192.5, <u>Inspections</u>; repeal §192.7, <u>Operation of Pain Management Clinics</u>.

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Chapter 195, Pain Management Clinics: new chapter with language from Chapter 192 moved into this chapter; §195.1, <u>Definitions</u>; §195.2, <u>Certification of Pain Management Clinics</u>; §195.3, <u>Inspections</u>; §195.4, <u>Operation of Pain Management Clinics</u>, adds language about minimum requirements for quality assurance procedures.

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Chapter 198, Unlicensed Practice: new amendments delete language regarding cease and desist orders which is moved to Chapter 187; amends §198.3, <u>Investigation of Complaints</u>; repeals §198.4, <u>Cease and Desist Order</u>; repeals §198.5, <u>Contested Cease and Desist Proceeding</u>; and repeals §198.6, <u>Violation of Cease and Desist Order</u>.

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