

## Board Rule Changes - January 17, 2011

The following is a summary of the changes effective January 17, 2011. Click [here](#) for the complete board rules:

**Chapter 164, Physician Advertising**, amendments to 164.4 Board Certification, clarify under what circumstances physicians may advertise himself or herself as “board-certified.” Specifically, the amendments allow physicians to advertise that they are “board certified only if a) their certifying board is either the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, or is a member the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties (BOS) or b) if their certifying board can meet specific standards outlined in the rule. Physicians whose certifying boards are not specifically named in the rule, may use the term “board certified” only if the Medical Board determines, based on an application by a physician or other entity, that these other Boards have certification requirements that are substantially similar to those of the ABMS or the BOS, including the completion of postgraduate training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association, which includes substantial and identifiable supervised training of comprehensive scope in the specialty or subspecialty certified. In addition, the amendments permit physicians whose certifying boards were deemed “substantially similar” by the Medical Board prior to September 1, 2010, and who themselves were certified by these other certifying boards prior to September 1, 2010, may use the term “board certified.”

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/sos/adopted/22.EXAMINING%20BOARDS.html#59>