

2010 Board Rule Changes

The following is a summary of the changes effective on October 3, 2010. Click [here](#) for the complete board rules.

Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines: Amendments to §190.8 provide that (1) a physician-patient relationship is not necessary when a physician prescribes medications to a patient's family members if the patient has an illness determined to be pandemic; and (2) unprofessional conduct includes contacting a member of a peer review body for purposes of intimidation in relation to a board investigation. The nonsubstantive changes to the rule relate to what entities are responsible for determining when a pandemic occurs.

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/archive/September242010/adopted/22.EXAMINING%20BOA RDS.html#306>

Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders: Amendments to §193.6 clarify that physicians who delegate to certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) who only sign or carry out prescription drug orders are not required to register with the Board. The Board has determined that the clarification is necessary, based on the interpretation of Texas Occupations Code §157.0711(b-1) to not apply to CRNAs who are providing anesthesia services through the use of medication orders.

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