

2007 Board Rules Changes

The following is a summary of the changes effective on September 20, 2007.

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Chapter 161, General Provisions, amending to 161.3, Organization and Structure, regarding standards of conduct for Board members, including prohibiting expert testimony by board members in cases in which a licensee is a party and in which the expert testimony relates to the standard of care or medical malpractice.

Chapter 176, Health Care Liability Lawsuits and Settlements, amending 176.1 Definitions; 176.2 Reporting Responsibilities; 176.4 Timeframes and Attachments; 176.6 Penalty; 176.8 Board Review of Health Care Liability Lawsuits and Settlements; and 176.9 Reporting Form. ♦ Provides statutory references to Chapter 74 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code and Chapters 82 and 1901 of the Insurance Code, and updates name of Texas Medical Board.

Chapter 181, Contact Lens Prescriptions, amending 181.2 Definitions; 181.3 Release of Contact Lens Prescription; and 181.6 Physician ♦s Prescriptions: Delegation, relating to establishing that the verification of a contact lens prescription may substitute for an original signature to create a valid contact lens prescription.

Chapter 191, District Review Committees, amending 191.4 Activities and Scope of Authority. ♦ Deletes provision that allows District Review Committee (DRC) members to evaluate medical competency of physicians under investigation. ♦ Establishes DRC members are allowed to participate in mediation and requires DRC members to have the same qualifications as expert panel members.

Chapter 194, Non-certified Radiologic Technicians, amending 194.2 Definitions; 194.3 Registration; 194.4 Annual Renewal; 194.5 Non-Certified Technician ♦s Scope of Practice; 194.6 Suspension, Revocation or Nonrenewal of Registration. ♦ Provides updates regarding the names of the Texas medical Board and Department of State Health Services, and clarifies that NCT registrations that are not renewed within 90 days will be considered expired.

♦ Chapter 197, Emergency Medical Service, amending 197.1 Purpose; 197.2 Definitions; 197.3 Off-line Medical Director; and 197.4 On-Line Medical Director. ♦ Provides updates regarding the names of the Texas Medical Board and Department of State Health Services, requires that EMS medical directors report to the board the names and license numbers of all emergency medical personnel who work under a medical director ♦s supervision, and removes the requirement that on-line physicians be familiar with the capabilities of the pre-hospital providers, as well as local EMS operational policies and regional critical care referral protocols.