



# MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## BOARD STATISTICS FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014:

License Type	Applications Received	Licenses Issued*
Acupuncturist	2	1
ECP (All Levels)	113	71
Nutritionist	5	1
Physician	76	64
Physician Assistant	9	7
Podiatrist	3	0
Resident Physician	10	8
Telemedicine Practitioner	17	14

\*Not necessarily from applications received during same time period.

## ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S MARCH 21, 2014 MEETING:

- The Board approved two amendments to its administrative rules and will send them to the Secretary of State for formal notice:
  - \*Currently, applicants for a Physician license who have passed the USMLE Step III exam must have done so within a limit of three attempts. The proposed amendment would increase the total number of allowed attempts to six. This will match USMLE standards.
  - \*The Board proposes removing the requirement that a Physician Assistant have current NCCPA certification at the time of license renewal.

***A public notice on these and other rule changes will be issued soon.***
- The Board's new rule on equivalency of military training is moving to public notice. A hearing is scheduled (tentatively) for 11:00 a.m. on April 18.
- The Board approved its preliminary legislative requests for 2015.
- The Board approved a proposal for an exception to statewide EMT protocols from LifeFlight Network and approved several changes to the statewide protocols, including new directions re: adrenal insufficiency.
- The Board made the following decisions on license applications:
  - Granted: 1 Acupuncturist, 1 EMT
  - In addition, the Board determined that 3 Physician applicants did not meet Board qualifications for licensure.
  - The Board also ratified one license denial (Physician) and one Probationary license (Acupuncturist.)

## OTHER BOARD NEWS:

- The first Continuing Education audit of Acupuncturist licensees continues for those licensees who renewed in 2013. The Board will send a letter to Acupuncturists renewing in 2014 reminding them of their CE obligations.

The Board's next meeting will be Thursday, May 15-16, 2014 at Buck's T-4 Lodge near Big Sky. Information and agendas for Board meetings are at:

[www.medicalboard.mt.gov](http://www.medicalboard.mt.gov)

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