



MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BOARD STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013:

License Type	Applications Received	Licenses Issued*
Acupuncturist	5	3
EMT (All Levels)	150	196
Nutritionist	3	3
Physician	66	67
Physician Assistant	5	10
Podiatrist	0	0
Rural Rotation Resident	5	9
Telemedicine Practitioner	1	3

*Not necessarily from applications received during same time period.

ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S JANUARY 17, 2014 MEETING:

- The Board approved several amendments to its administrative rules and will send them to the Secretary of State for formal notice. They include:
 - *Updating the rules on approved medical residencies and occasional case exemptions for physicians.
 - *Clarifying the requirements for Nutritionist applicants and correcting outdated references to a national organization
 - *Updating rules on unprofessional conduct
 - *Implementing legislation making military training and education equivalent to civilian training and education.
- The Board adopted the rule amendments in MAR 24-156-79 addressing re-entry of inactive physicians and the elimination of the "inactive-retired" license status. The Board also directed its Laws and Rules Committee to discuss an "Emeritus" license for retired physicians no longer in practice.
- The Board heard a proposal for an exception to statewide EMT protocols from LifeFlight Network and referred it to the Medical Direction Committee.
- The Board made the following decisions on license applications:
 - Granted: 3 Physicians, 1 EMT
 - In addition, 1 Physician requested the application be withdrawn and 1 Acupuncturist was directed to submit further information in order for a probationary license to be issued.

OTHER BOARD NEWS:

- The first audit of Acupuncturist licensee Continuing Education is underway following the 2013 renewal period. Acupuncturist licensees renewing in 2014 will have to acknowledge whether or not they achieved a full 30 hours of CE during the previous two years of licensure, beginning Oct. 31, 2012.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Business Standards Division offices at 301 S. Park Ave. in Helena.

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