



# MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## BOARD STATISTICS FOR JULY-AUGUST 2014:

License Type	Applications Received	Licenses Issued*
Acupuncturist	2	1
ECP (All Levels)	132	116
Nutritionist	11	11
Physician	62	83
Physician Assistant	13	12
Podiatrist	0	1
Resident Physician	5	4
Telemedicine Practitioner	3	3

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

## ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING:

- The Board adopted amendments to its administrative rules that would, among other things:
  - \*Create an application process for Occasional Case Exemptions for Physicians.
  - \*Recognize additional forms of unprofessional conduct across license types, including failure to secure medical records and failure to notify patients adequately prior to terminating a patient relationship.
  - \*Eliminate the requirement that Physician Assistants report NCCPA certification at the time of license renewal. The Board also will no longer conduct "NCCPA compliance" audits of PA licensees.
 A formal notice of adoption will be forthcoming and will be posted on the Board's website.
- The Board approved fee increases as part of a new rules proposal to be submitted later in the fall. New rules governing ECPs and Acupuncturists' continuing education also will be included in the rules proposal.
- The Board referred a request for a new statewide ECP protocol for Hydrofluoric Acid Exposure to the Medical Direction Committee. (The committee will meet on Oct. 14.)
- The Board re-affirmed that tattoo removal is the practice of medicine but may be performed by a Medical Assistant under Board rules.
- The Board made the following decisions on license applications:
  - \*Granted: 2 Physicians, 1 EMT
  - \*The Board approved a 1-year probationary license to an EMT applicant, after the applicant has entered into a contract with the Montana Professional Assistance Program.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, November 21, 2014 at 301 S. Park Ave. in Helena. Information and agendas for Board meetings are at:

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