



**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-263.2**

**Summary**

Implementation of House Bill 246 pertaining to substantial equivalency

**Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information**

On August 22, 2025, the Board of Medical Examiners (agency) published MAR Notice No. 2025-263.1 regarding the public hearing on the proposed changes to the agency's rules, in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 16.

On September 11, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposed changes to the rules via the videoconference and telephonic platform. Comments were received by the comment deadline.

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**Final Rulemaking Action – Effective November 8, 2025**

**ADOPT AS PROPOSED**

The agency has adopted the following rule as proposed:

**NEW RULE 1 (24.156.402) SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY**

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**Statement of Reasons**

The agency has considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received, and the agency's responses are as follows:

Comment 1: A commenter raised concerns about delays in licensure for out-of-state emergency care provider (ECP) applicants and recommended that the state utilize the emergency medical services compact to streamline the process once ECP licensure transitions from the board to a department program.

Response 1: The board thanks the commenter and appreciates stakeholder feedback. Compacts require legislation, and so this comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking project.

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### **Rule Reviewer**

Jennifer Stallkamp

### **Approval**

Sarah Swanson, Commissioner

### **Approval**

Ashleigh Magill, M.D., Chair, Board of Medical Examiners