

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the repeal of ARM ) NOTICE OF REPEAL  
24.156.1622 pertaining to supervision )  
of physician assistant )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On October 20, 2023, the Board of Medical Examiners (agency) published MAR Notice No. 24-156-97 regarding the public hearing on the proposed repeal of the above-stated rule, at page 1243 of the 2023 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 20.

2. On November 9, 2023, a public hearing was held on the proposed repeal of the above-stated rule via the videoconference and telephonic platform.

3. The agency has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments and the agency responses are as follows:

Comment 1: One commenter supported the board's proposed repeal.

Response 1: The board appreciates all comments received during the rulemaking process.

Comment 2: Numerous commenters opposed the repeal, urging the board to adopt administrative rules defining how competency is determined, and requiring physician assistants to complete an additional 6000 hours under a collaborative agreement when changing medical specialties, similarly to how a physician attends a structured residency program when changing a medical specialty.

Response 2: This comment is outside the scope of this proposed rulemaking but will be addressed by the board as part of MAR Notice No. 24-156-94. The board proposed this repeal after the Economic Affairs Interim Committee informally objected to the proposed amendment of the rule in MAR Notice No. 24-156-94.

4. The agency has repealed ARM 24.156.1622 as proposed.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State December 12, 2023.