

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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#### **POLICY REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE LICENSES**

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Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-6-207(h) permits the Board "to issue limited licenses to physicians who have been out of clinical practice for an extended period of time or who have been, or are at the time of their application, engaged exclusively in administrative medicine."

Pursuant to this authority and subject to ratification by the Board, the Board authorizes and delegates to its Medical Director, in conjunction with the Executive Director, to issue an administrative medicine license to any candidate for medical licensure who meets all other qualifications for licensure but who has been out of clinical practice for in excess of two (2) years and who acknowledges in writing that he/ she wishes to practice administrative medicine only and agrees to issuance of such limited license. An administrative medicine license issued pursuant to this policy is limited to the practice of administrative medicine and does not permit clinical practice or direct patient care of any type. Such delegation only applies to those applications which contain no derogatory information; otherwise, such applicants must appear before the Board.

For purposes of this policy, administrative medicine means administration or management utilizing the medical and clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment of a licensed physician which may affect the health and safety of the public or any person but does not involve direct patient care. A physician with an administrative medicine license may advise organizations, both public and private, on health care matters; authorize and deny financial payments for care; organize and direct research programs; review care provided for quality; and other similar duties that do not require direct patient care. Administrative medicine does not include the authority to practice clinical medicine, examine, care for or treat patients, prescribe medications including controlled substances, supervise other health care practitioners in the provision of direct patient care or delegate medical acts or prescriptive authority to others.

For purposes of this policy, clinical practice of medicine means treating, diagnosing, operating on or prescribing for (or professing to treat, diagnose, operate on or prescribe for) any human for any physical ailment, injury, deformity or illness either directly or through supervising another health care practitioner who performs such functions.

With the exception as noted above regarding the scope of practice permitted for such a license, an administrative medicine license shall be subject to the same laws, rules and requirements applicable to any other medical license in Tennessee (including requirements for continuing medical education, renewal, etc.) The application fee and renewal fee for an administrative license are the same as for a full medical license.

An administrative medicine license issued by the Medical Director pursuant to this policy is not an adverse or negative action and is not reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank nor does it constitute disciplinary action reportable pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-1-114.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
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