TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING X-RAY OPERATORS and GENETIC COUNSELORS REENTRY TO PRACTICE

The Board of Medical Examiners recognizes that an individual may leave the practice as an x-ray operator or a genetic counselor voluntarily or involuntarily.

Whatever the cause of their departure, x-ray operators or genetic counselors who have left practice and later choose to return, must be prepared to demonstrate that they have maintained their skills and knowledge, and that they may safely and effectively resume providing care to patients in Tennessee.

For full x-ray operators and genetic counselors who have been absent from clinical practice for more than five (5) years, applicants may demonstrate such current clinical competence by completing the following:

- 1. Proof of current ARRT (x-ray operators) certification or ABGC (genetic counselors) certification and
- 2. Completion of Preceptorship as determined by the Medical Consultant.

For limited x-ray operators who have been absent from clinical practice for more than five (5) years, applicants may demonstrate such current clinical competence by completing the following:

- 1. Submit proof of 50 related Continuing Education hours and
- 2. Completion of Preceptorship as determined by the Medical Consultant

Costs required to establish current clinical competence are the responsibility of applicant.

The preceptorship may be, but is not required to be, compensated for purposes of this policy.

For purposes of this policy, "absent from clinical practice" means the applicant has not been responsible for any amount of related direct clinical patient care in the preceding five years.

If proof of completion of the relevant requirements herein is not received by the Board's Administrative Office within twelve months of referral to the re-entry program, the application will be closed. Application fees will not be refunded.

ADOPTED BY A QUORUM OF THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024.

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