

## AGENDA ITEM 18B

### MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 23, 2008  
DEPARTMENT: Licensing Program  
SUBJECT: International Medical School Proposed Regulation Changes  
STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini

#### REQUESTED ACTION

No action required.

#### STAFF UPDATE:

Staff plans to implement the following steps to revise the international medical school regulations:

1. Identify all issues needing revision including
  - Changes made by Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) since the regulations were last revised in 2003.
  - Evaluate Dr. Simon's recommendations from the July 2008 Board meeting and other recommendations obtained by Board staff.
  - Clarify and enhance the seven-year reevaluation process and include Board-ordered school site visits.
2. Discuss the regulatory recommendations with the Board's Medical consultants, Dr. Simon and Dr. Nuovo, and draft proposed regulations.
3. Hold an interested parties meeting to obtain stakeholders' input on the proposed regulations.
4. Revise the regulations as needed based on the interested parties' input.
5. Present the proposed regulations to the Board Members for approval to proceed with the regulatory process (publish proposed regulations, hold hearing, revise as needed, etc.).

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The regulations governing its process and standards for reviewing international medical schools took effect in December 2003. These regulations are found in Section 1314.1 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations. The regulations have met the Board's needs over the past five years. However, the Board's medical consultants have recently made suggestions for improvement, LCME has updated several of its standards that could be relevant to the Board's process, and legal counsel has identified areas where amendments should be made in preparation for the reevaluations of recognized international medical schools which the Board will commence in 2010.

Staff will begin developing the proposed amendments to Section 1314.1 including staff and legal counsel compiling input from the medical consultants and interested parties and drafting proposed language to Section 1314.1. Staff will present the proposed amendments to the Board for review at the May 2009 meeting, with the public hearing

held during the following meeting in July 2009. The goal is to have the regulations in place before the Board conducts site inspections of international medical schools due for reevaluation. There is sufficient time to achieve these goals by 2010 if work commences in the next several months.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS MBC AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the July 2008 Board meeting, the Board requested staff to review current regulations and identify amendments that should be implemented before the Board reevaluates the international medical schools scheduled for review pursuant to the seven-year reevaluation cycle.