

## **THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION GUIDELINES FOR RE-ENTRY INTO MEDICAL PRACTICE**

These practice guidelines are for physicians who have not participated in any active patient care for two (2) - five (5) years and who wish to return to some form of clinical practice.

Medical practice will be classified as cognitive medical specialties (i.e. internal medicine/family practice) or surgical/procedure based medical specialties (i.e. surgery/surgical subspecialties).

The physician shall forward to the state medical board a full explanation of his or her time out of clinical practice, CME activities during absence from clinical practice, and a concise plan for re-entry to clinical practice.

The board executive staff [BES] will examine all the information and personally interview the physician. The BES will determine, on a case-by-case basis the specific requirements to be met by the physician re-entering active clinical practice in Oklahoma. The \*recommended plan will be presented to the full Board at the appropriate regularly scheduled board meeting for approval of the physician's re-entry plan and subsequent medical license.

\*Recommendations may include but not limited to:

- 1) Further CME as directed by the Board BES;
- 2) A Board approved clinical skills assessment program and report;
- 3) Refresher structured training or mini-residency type of program;
- 4) A structured mentorship & monitoring process;
- 5) Passage of special examinations, i.e. SPEX examination, Part III of the USMLE; and/or
- 6) A fellowship completed in an ACGME approved facility;
- 7) Passage of ABMS/ABPS Board Certification or Recertification examination.

Any physician re-entering a skills-based medical specialty after 5 years of absence of active patient care practice will require a minimum of #1 & 2.

Any physician re-entering clinical practice, but who is requesting a change from one specialty to another must have additional requirements based on a case by case basis.

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