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BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING

***** UPDATE *****

2012 LEGISLATION PASSES

House Bill 4008, recently enacted into law, fixes a couple problems with the 2009 legislation that gave Oregon the most comprehensive medical imaging licensure law in the nation. HB 4008 will enable radiographers who were grandfathered or state-sponsored to continue to work past 2014, even if they do not have a national credential. (Every other type of license, excluding limited permits, will need a national credential for an initial license or to renew after January 1, 2014.) Also, HB 4008 legalizes provisional licenses that the Board issued from July 2010 to July 2011, and authorizes renewal of those licenses until 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO BE REVISED FOR TEMPORARY LICENSES—*Comment by March 30*

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) voted in January, 2012 to initiate rulemaking to specify that a student in a medical imaging licensure modality may be issued a temporary license *no earlier than three months prior to graduation*, to enable the student to work under supervision. As part of the application for a temporary license, a letter would need to be submitted by the director of the student's school to indicate that the student is in good standing and is competent to work under supervision. The rules will also codify current practice that limits temporary licensure to no more than one initial issuance plus one six-month renewal. Find more information on the OBMI website, including how to comment, at www.oregon.gov/obmi. Deadline for comments is March 30. (This rule only deals with licensure modalities, not limited permits.)

PROPOSED SONOGRAPHY LEGISLATION FOR 2013

The OBMI intends to pursue two legislative concepts for the 2013 legislative session in Salem:

1. Enhanced sonography examination requirements: The Board will pursue legislation to require that, by 2014, sonographers *must* have at least passed one registry examination in each of any broad categories in which they practice. Based upon preliminary discussions and early drafting (subject to revisions), categories will include cardiac; vascular; OB/GYN; and abdominal.
2. Restrict the use of ultrasound for non-medical purposes: The FDA, SDMS and others have warned against the growth of commercial enterprises offering "keepsake images" to expectant parents. While this may not be a big problem in Oregon yet – there may only be a couple of businesses offering these services locally – the OBMI is concerned that it is a business model that could grow. The OBMI's intention is to be proactive in protecting Oregonians from potential negative outcomes associated with using a powerful medical device for entertainment purposes. Accordingly, the OBMI will pursue state legislation based upon a law in Connecticut that prohibits the use of obstetrical ultrasound unless ordered by a licensed health care provider for a diagnostic medical purpose, or unless used for bona fide research or educational purposes. Also, the legislation will borrow elements from proposed California legislation to prohibit the sale or distribution of an ultrasound diagnostic imaging machine except to bona fide medical, educational or research entities and certain others.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING!

Currently there are several vacancies that need to be filled and we are always on the lookout for responsible and committed individuals to serve on the Board. State law specifies that the Board consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, including four physicians, five medical imaging licensees, including one each from the five medical imaging licensure categories, and three members of the public who do not have a license from the board. If you are interested, please check out the Governor's executive appointments website at <http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml> and submit your application. Please call the office if you have any questions or want to know more about what is involved with Board membership.

2012 BOARD MEETING DATES

The OBMI meets quarterly in Portland. Meetings typically start at 8:30 and are concluded by 4:30 pm. All portions of board meetings are open to the public except for licensure disciplinary actions which are held in executive session in accordance with Oregon law. Board meeting preliminary agendas are typically posted on the OBMI website several weeks prior to each meeting. Remaining 2012 scheduled meeting dates are:

- Friday, April 20
- Thursday, July 12 (board retreat)
- Friday, July 13
- Friday, October 5

MAKE SURE YOU RENEW ON TIME!

As a courtesy, the Board of Medical Imaging sends out advance renewal notices through regular mail. But it is the sole responsibility of each license or permit holder to renew on time. Be aware of your renewal date and renew ahead of time to avoid the \$25 late fee! Licensees can renew online through our website at www.oregon.gov/obmi. (Limited permit holders must mail or deliver their renewal along with proof of required continuing education.)

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED WITH US

Please keep us updated on your home and work addresses and contact information. There is a link to an "updated information form" on our website (www.oregon.gov/obmi), at the bottom of the left-hand menu, which you can mail or fax to us.

OFFICE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2012

State Government Furlough Days

Due to state budget reductions, the OBMI office will be closed on the following 2012 dates:

- Friday, March 23
- Friday, May 25
- Friday, August 17
- Friday, October 29
- Friday, November 23

State Holidays

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| Memorial Day | Monday, May 28 |
| Independence Day | Wednesday, July 4 |
| Labor Day | Monday, Sept. 3 |
| Veterans Day | Monday, Nov. 12 |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, Nov. 22 |
| Christmas Day | Tuesday, Dec. 25 |

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