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PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD'S REGULATIONS PHYSICIANS

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS VOLUME 35, NUMBER 09, PP 34270-34276 OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Regulations for Physicians: NMIAC Title 140, \$140-50.3-4200

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS: Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB), hereby adopts the attached regulations as permanent regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Health Care Professions Licensing Board announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent and now does so.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Health Care Professions Licensing Board adopted the attached regulations as final as of the date of signing below.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PRIOR PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None.

AUTHORITY: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to P.L. 15-105, Section 3, § 2206 (b), as amended.

Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105(b), these adopted EFFECTIVE DATE: amendments to the HCPLB regulations for Physicians are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2), the HCPLB has reviewed the comments on the proposed amendments to these regulations it received during the thirty-day period. adoption of the amendments, the agency, if requested to do so by any interested person, within 30 days of adoption, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations for Physicians were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC \$2153(e) (to review and approve as to form and legal sufficiency all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department or agency or instrumentality of the

Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the ____ day of _____, 2010, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and Ordered by:

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Ahmad Al-Alou, MD HCPLB Chairman I(/ /5//3

Filed and Recorded by:

Esther SN Nesbitt

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§ 140-50.3-4200 Part 4200. Physicians (Doctor of Osteopathy and Medical Doctor).

To add a new definition under §140-50.3-4201 Definitions as subsection (m) of the HCPLB Regulations for Physicians and re-letter the subsections accordingly.

(m) "FCVS" mean the Federation Credentials Verification Services established by the FSMB in September 1996 to provide a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards to obtain a verified, primary-source record of a physician's core medical credentials. FCVS obtains primary-source verification of medical education, postgraduate training, examination history, board action history, board certification and identity. This repository of information allows a physician and/or physician assistant to establish a confidential, lifetime professional portfolio with FCVS which can be forwarded, at the applicant's request, to any state medical and osteopathic board, hospital, health care or other entity.

To add subsection (v) under §140-50.3-4213 (b) (4) Applications of the HCPLB Regulations for Physicians.

(v) The FCVS's profile of the applicant submitted to the Board by the FSMB shall be accepted in lieu of the documents required in subsections (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) above.



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REGULATIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER
AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS
VOLUME 35, NUMBER 08,PP 034185-034193 OF AUGUST 28, 2013

Regulations for Real Property Appraisers: NMIAC Title 125-40.1, \$125-40.1-115

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS: The Board of Professional Licensing, hereby adopts the attached regulations as permanent regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Board of Professional Licensing announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent and now does so.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Board of Professional Licensing adopted the attached regulations as final as of the date of signing below.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PRIOR PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None.

AUTHORITY: The Board of Professional Licensing has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to 4 CMC §3101.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC \S 9105(b), these adopted amendments to the Regulations for Real Property Appraisers are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC $\S\S$ 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC \S 9104(a) (2), the BPL has received no comments on the proposed amendments to these regulations during the thirty-day period. Upon this adoption of the amendments, the agency, if requested to do so by any interested person, within 30 days of adoption, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations for real property appraisers were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC \$2153(e) (to review and approve as to form and legal sufficiency all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department or agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the <u>72 Mp</u>day of <u>November</u>, 201**3**, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and Ordered by:

Roman S. Demapan

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To add a subsection (E) to Section 4.4 of the Regulations or Section 125-40-115(e) of 125-40, NMIAC Title 125.

- Licensure by Reciprocity.
- The Board may grant a license to a person to practice as a real property appraiser by reciprocity if:
 - The person holds an active, valid license for real property appraisal in another U.S. state or territory for the real property classification he/she is applying for;
 - The person is coming from a state or U.S. territory that is "in compliance" with Title XI as determined by the ASC; and
 - The licensure requirements in the jurisdiction of the applicant meet or exceed the requirements in these regulations

To add a subsection (K) to Section 16.1 of the Regulations or Section 125-40-825(a) (1) (xi) of 125-40, NMIAC Title 125.

16.1 Fees.

(K) Delinquent Fee (every month). \$25.00



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER
AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS
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Administrative Regulations for Practice & Procedures: NMIAC Title 125-20.1, \$125-20.1-001

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BPL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES: The Board of Professional Licensing, hereby adopts the attached regulations as permanent regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Board of Professional Licensing announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent and now does so.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Board of Professional Licensing adopted the attached regulations as final as of the date of signing below.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PRIOR PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None.

AUTHORITY: The Board of Professional Licensing has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to 4 CMC §3101.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105(b), these adopted amendments to the BPL Administrative Regulations for Practice and Procedures are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC \S 9104(a) (2), the BPL has received no comments on the proposed amendments to these regulations during the thirty-day period. Upon this adoption of the amendments, the agency, if requested to do so by any interested person, within 30 days of adoption, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted administrative regulations for Practice and Procedures were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC §2153(e) (to review and approve as to form and legal sufficiency all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department or agency or

instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the $22 \, \text{Mp}$ day of $\sqrt{\text{November}}$, 2012, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and Ordered by:

Roman S. Demapan

BPL Chairman

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Date

Filed and Recorded by:

Esther SN Nesbitt Commonwealth Register 11.25.13

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR PRACTICE & PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

PART 1. ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 Establishment. The Board of Professional Licensing (hereafter the "Board") is a regulatory agency of the executive branch of the CNMI government established by law (4 CMC 3101).

Section 2.1 Mission Statement of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section (b), (d) of 125-10-005 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125.

PART II. MISSION STATEMENT

- 2.1 The mission of the Board is to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, and real property appraisal by:
 - * Ensuring that those entering the practice <u>are Professionals that</u>
 meet minimum standards of competency by way of education,
 experience, and examination;
 - * Requiring that any person practicing or offering to practice Professional engineering, architecture, land surveying, land surveying, landscape architecture, or real property appraisal in the CNMI is licensed;
 - * Establishing standards of practice for those licensed to practice;
 - * Enforcing the laws, rules and regulations, and standards governing the Professional engineering, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, and real property appraisal professions; and
 - * Providing consumers appropriate public information they need to make informed choices for procuring Professional engineering, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, or real property appraisal services.

Sections 3.1,3.2,3.3,3.4,3.5,3.6,3.7,3.8 Board Members of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-101 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125.

PART III. BOARD MEMBERS

- Composition. The Board is composed of <u>five</u> members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. <u>One member shall</u> be from Tinian, one member shall be from Rota and three members shall be from Saipan. Of the five members, at least one member shall be a woman and three members shall be from the professional fields as set forth by law.
- 3.2 Qualifications. Each member shall have been a resident of the Commonwealth for at least three years. A member practicing the

- profession shall have been engaged in the practice of the member's profession for at least five years immediately preceding the date of the member's appointment and is also licensed to practice the profession in the Commonwealth. The public member(s) of the Board shall not be or have been a Professional engineer, architect, land surveyor, landscape architect, or real property appraiser.
- Tenure. The members of the Board shall serve for six years. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive six-year terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board for reason resulting in an unexpired term and the governor has failed to appoint a successor within three (3) months after the vacancy occurs, the Board may appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the governor makes an appointment.
- 3.4 Quorums; Voting. Three members are necessary to make a quorum of the Board and a concurrence of a majority of the quorum shall be necessary to constitute approval of those matters needing approval of the Board.
- 3.5 Compensation. Members of the Board shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 3.6 Resignation of Member. A Member of the Board who desires to resign from membership shall do so in writing, addressed to the Board. The subject of the resignation shall be placed upon the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board, at which meeting the Board shall act upon the resignation. If the Board accepts the resignation, the Chairperson shall contact the Governor in writing, to inform him of the vacancy and request appointment of a new member to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the resigned member.
- 3.7 Jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any other provision of P.L. 14-95 and 17-39, the Board's power, authority, and jurisdiction shall extend to persons engaging in the professions regulated by the Board, including but not limited to non-licensees and persons offering their own services or the services of their employees or agents.
- 3.8 Liability. No member of the Board and no member of the Board's staff shall be held liable for action or inaction attributable to the lawful exercise of their responsibilities under the law and the rules and regulations.

Part IV of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-105 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125.

PART IV. POWERS, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

4.1 The Board shall have the power, jurisdiction and authority to:

(1) Adopt and amend all bylaws, regulations, rules of procedures not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth and P.L. 14-95 and 17-39, including the adoption and promulgation of the Rules of Professional Conduct for architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects, which shall be binding upon persons licensed under the law and the regulations and which shall be applicable to partnerships and corporations holding a Certificate of Authorization, which is necessary for the proper performance of its

- duties and the regulations of its procedures, meetings, records, examinations and the conduct thereof;
- (2) Enforce the law, rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
- (3) Adopt and have an official seal, which shall be affixed to each license or certificate issued;
- Apply for relief by injunction in the Superior Court, without bond, to enforce the provisions of the law, or to restrain any violation thereof. In such proceedings, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove, either that an adequate remedy at law does not exist, or that substantial or irreparable damage would result from the continued violation thereof. The members of the Board shall not be personally liable under these proceedings;
- deny licenses, including temporary, provisional, Issue or conditional and limited licenses;
- (6) Conducts investigations and hearings;
- (7) Discipline, including: refuse to issue or renew, fine; reprimand; suspend; revoke; place on probation; require payment of fees, charges, or expenses; levy fines; and place conditions on granting or renewal of a license;
- Settle disciplinary and other contested matters, consistent with the policy of the law and/or the regulations;
- (9) Work with and secure from professional, governmental, and other organizations the following services and goods: receipt and review of applications; investigations; development of standards; development, administration and review of examinations; and/or other goods and services related to the Board's duties;
- Join and maintain memberships in professional, governmental and national organizations;
- (11) Determine, charge and collect reasonable fees;
- (12) Receive fees and appropriated funds, grants, contract payments and other funds;
- (13) Establish and employ accounts, including restricted fund accounts;
- (14) Employ staff and consultants as required to assist it in performing its duties;
- (15) Determine those professional organizations with which it will affiliate for approving applications. In establishing credentialing criteria or administering examinations, the Board may enter into contracts for the purchase or other acquisition, using scoring or validation of professional tests. In lieu of an examination, the Board may accept the license or certification issued by an agency of the

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- United States, or of a state or political subdivision of a state, or of a territory or possession of the United States;
- (16) Contract with private entities for the performance of such duties, functions, and powers, as the Board considers appropriate;
- (17) Subject an applicant for licensure or certification to such written or oral or both written and oral examinations, as it deems necessary to determine their qualifications;
- (18) Require a demonstration of continuing competency of Professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, or real property appraisers as a condition of renewal of license; and
- (19) Do all other things necessary to carry out the provisions of the law, the rules and regulations and to meet the requirements of federal law where necessary regarding licensing or certification of architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and real property appraisers that the Board determines are appropriate for these professions in the CNMI.

Part V of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-110 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125.

PART V. REVOLVING FUND

- A. The Board of Professional Licensing Revolving Fund (BPLRF) is hereby established. The Department of Finance shall maintain all funds generated under this Chapter in a segregated, restricted special account within the general fund.
 - B. All monies received in payment for licensing fees to the Board and shall be deposited into the BPLRF. Funds shall be expended to pay for fees and dues to professional, governmental, and other organizations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, they shall not be reprogrammed for any other purposes. At the end of each fiscal year, all lapsed funds shall be transferred to the CNMI general fund.
 - C. The Board will prepare an annual budget for approval and appropriation by the Legislature. The budget may exceed the amount of the funds projected by the BPLRF to be generated under the law.
 - D. The Chair of the Board of Professional Licensing or the chair's designee and the Board Secretary shall be the expenditure authority for the BPLRF.
 - E. At the close of each fiscal year, the Board shall provide the presiding officers of the Legislature with an accounting of the use of funds deposited into the BPLRF.

Part VI and Section 6.3 of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-115 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125.

PART VI. OFFICERS

- 6.1 Officers. The Board shall elect, by the majority vote of a quorum of its members, a Chairperson, a Vice- Chairperson, and a Secretary. The Board may establish such other officers, as it shall deem necessary or appropriate.
- 6.2 Duties of Officers.
 - A. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall, when present, preside at all meetings. He/ She shall appoint all standing and /or special committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/ She shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the chairperson.
 - B. Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, exercise the duties of and posses all the power of the Chairperson.
 - C. Secretary. The Secretary shall record or cause to be recorded the minutes of all board meetings and keep them in a book or file, to maintain current, accurate copies of all board documents (law, all regulations, rules), and to sign licenses or certificates issued by the Board. The Secretary shall perform such additional duties as designated by the Chair.
- 6.3 Elections. The Officers of the Board shall be elected every two years.
- 6.4 Terms of Office. The Officers of the Board shall serve two-year terms unless their membership on the Board is terminated sooner than two years for whatever reason. The Board may fill any vacancy among its officers for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy of the Chairperson's position the Vice-chair automatically becomes the Chairperson

Part VII of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-120 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125-10.

PART VII. COMMITTEES

7.1 The Board may establish such standing and special committees, and prescribe their powers, duties, and functions, as it shall deem necessary. The Chairperson of the Board shall appoint the chairperson of all committees, provided, however, that in so doing, the Chairperson shall give recognition to the desire of each member to serve as chairperson on a particular committee. No member of the Board may be the chairperson of more than one standing committee. The Chairperson, as ex-officio member of all committees shall not serve as the chairperson of a standing committee.

Part VIII of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or Section 125-10-150 of 125-10, NMIAC Title 125-10.

PART VIII. MEETINGS; MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

8.1 In general:

- A. The Board shall act at its meetings, or as otherwise provided by law.
- B. The Board shall make provision for the attendance of members by electronic means, if a member so requests.
- C. Meetings shall be noticed as required by law.
- D. A copy of meeting materials distributed to the members shall be available to any person for review at the meeting site, except for materials subject to confidentiality or privilege as permitted or required by law.
- 8.2 Time. The time for the regular meetings of the Board shall be established by action of the Board for each year, except as otherwise permitted or provided by law.
- 8.3 Location.
 - A. Regular meetings shall be held at such place as the Board may establish by regulation, and the location shall be properly noticed to the public.
 - B. The Board may meet by electronic means, and any member may attend a meeting by electronic means.
 - D. When the Board meets by electronic means, access to the meeting shall be freely given through the noticed site so that any person attending shall have the same access to the meeting as each attending member at the site. This may include use of speakerphone or video conferencing equipment for a conference call meeting.
 - E. Votes of members may be received by electronic means and announced at a meeting.
- 8.4 Quorum. Three members are necessary to make a quorum and a majority of the members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Board meeting, or for approval of those matters needing approval of the Board. One or more vacancies in the Board shall not impair the right of the remaining members to constitute a quorum and exercise all the powers of the Board.
- 8.5 Open Meetings. Board meetings and hearings shall be open to the public, as provided in the Open Government Act, 1 CMC §9901-18, as amended.
- 8.6 Conduct of Meetings. Unless the Board adopts regulations that provide for other procedures, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Board.
- 8.7 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held as determined by the Board.

- 8.8 Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held from time to time, and shall be duly noticed by the Board. The Chairperson or any two members may call special meetings of the Board. The executive director shall notify members of the board in writing, at least one week before the date of any regular meeting, and as soon as practical before the date of any special meeting. Such notice shall, whenever possible, include a proposed agenda for the meeting and copies of any documents relevant to matters which will be before the board for its consideration at the meeting.
- 8.9 Executive Session. Ordinarily the Board's meetings shall be open to the public. The Board may meet privately, in Executive Session, for the following purposes:
 - (1) To discuss personnel matters, including the hiring, firing and discipline of staff and/or contractors;
 - (2) To discuss pending or potential litigation or investigations;
 - (3) To discuss aspects of the Board's business affairs that is confidential and/or proprietary by law;
 - (4) To discuss a matter that may give rise to a conflict of interest, or an appearance of a conflict, with the discussion taking place in the absence of the member(s) related thereto; and
 - (5) To address other matters permitted by law.
- 8.10 Discussions by electronic means.
 - A. The Board may discuss a matter over time by electronic means, as well as in real time, provided that access to the discussion shall be publicly given so that a person seeking to review the discussion as it happens shall have substantially the same access to the discussion as each participating member.
 - B. Typically such a discussion shall be by electronic bulletin board open to the view of the public.
 - C. Such discussion shall be noticed according to the Board's regulations and shall comply with Commonwealth law regarding open meetings.
 - D. The Board shall arrange for a person, upon request, the reasonable use of a public-available electronic means at the Board's office with internet access in order to allow review of the discussion.
- 8.11 Accessibility. The Board shall comply with the accessibility requirements required by law and may, upon a person's request accommodate other special needs relating to sight, sound, language or location.
- 8.12 Order of Business. An agenda outlining the order of business shall be prepared for all Board Meetings. The agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Director and approved by the Chairperson. The Agenda shall include the following:

Meeting Call to Order Determination of Quorum Review and Adoption of Agenda Review and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes Communications from Governor's Office & Legislature Chairperson's Report Executive Director's Report Investigator's Report Committee Reports Old Business New Business Applications for Board's Review Miscellaneous Business Executive Session Announcements Adjournment of Meeting

- 8.13 Rules of Order. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Board. The Chairperson shall rule on all questions of order, subject to appeal to the membership. Voting shall ordinarily be by voice vote, provided, however, that any two members of the Board may request a secret ballot upon any matter before the Board.
- 8.14 Minutes. The Board shall record or cause to be recorded a summary of the proceedings before it at its meetings. The minutes of the Board meetings shall be prepared by the <u>Executive Director</u> and reviewed and approved by the Secretary of the Board.
- 8.15 Attendance/Termination. Attendance at all meetings is compulsory unless excused due to medical or other valid reasons by the chairperson Chairperson. Should a member have three (3) unexcused absence from three (3) regular meetings within any calendar year, the Board Shall shall (upon the motion by one of its members that has been duly seconded by another member and then approved by at least three members) recommend to the Governor that such member be terminated "for cause" from the Board.
- 8.16 Delegation. When the Chairperson will be out of the CNMI or otherwise unable to perform official functions, the Vice- Chairperson shall automatically be delegate such functions. If the Vice- Chairperson is for any reason unable to assume such functions, the Secretary shall be the delegate. If the Vice Chairperson and Secretary are unable to assume such functions, the Vice-Chairperson shall delegate such responsibilities to another Board member.

To add Part IX of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or 125-10, NMIAC Title 125-10.

PART IX. TRAVEL

9.1 Travel. Travel out of the CNMI at Board expense shall only be as approved by the Board based on funding and other relevant factors, except that, in an emergency where Board action is impracticable, the Chairperson shall decide the travel issue. A written report on the relevant information of the Board within (10) working days following

return is required. No Member may travel if he/she has not submitted an acceptable written report from prior travel.

To add Part X of the Regulations for Practice and Procedures of the Board of Professional Licensing or 125-10, NMIAC Title 125-10.

PART X. STAFF

10.1 Staff. The Board may, subject to budgetary appropriation, employ staff as required to assist it in performing its duties. The executive director shall be exempt from civil service and shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board pursuant to 1 CMC § 8246.



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REGULATIONS FOR ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS VOLUME 35, NUMBER 08, PP 034176-034184 OF AUGUST 28, 2013

Regulations for Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects: NMIAC Title 125-20.1, \$125-20.1-805

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: The Board of Professional Licensing, hereby adopts the attached regulations as permanent regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Board of Professional Licensing announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent and now does so.

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MODIFICATIONS FROM PRIOR PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None.

AUTHORITY: The Board of Professional Licensing has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to 4 CMC §3101.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105(b), these adopted amendments to the Regulations for Real Property Appraisers are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9104(a) (2), the BPL has received no comments on the proposed amendments to these regulations during the thirty-day period. Upon this adoption of the amendments, the agency, if requested to do so by any interested person, within 30 days of adoption, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations for engineers, architects, land surveyors and landscape architects were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC \$2153(e) (to review and approve as to form and legal sufficiency all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department or agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the \(\frac{12ND}{22ND}\) day of \(\frac{November}{November}\), 2012, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and Ordered by:

Roman S. Demapan BPL Chairman

/1.22.13 Date

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Filed and Recorded by:

To amend Section 11.1(C) of the Board of Professional Licensing Regulations for Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects or Section (c), of 125-20.1-805 of 125-20.1, NMIAC Title 125.

RENEWALS, REINSTATEMENTS, AND INACTIVE LICENSES PART XI.

11.1 Renewals

- Renewal of all certificates or licenses shall be every two years following their issuance or renewal.
- Failure of a licensure to renew on or before the expiration date shall render the license or certificate null and void.
- C. A renewal notice shall be mailed or sent by email by the Board to the last known address of each individual holding a license and to each firm holding a Certificate of Authorization indicating the date of expiration of the license or certificate and the renewal fee amount due.
- Each licensee, firm or holder of a temporary license is responsible to immediately notify the Board of any changes to his/her or its mailing address.
- Temporary licenses shall not be renewable. E.
- Renewal fees may be paid any time prior to the biannual renewal date but must be paid on or before the expiration date to avoid penalty for late renewal. Responsibility for the timely payment of the renewal fee rests solely with the licensee.



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD'S REGULATIONS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS VOLUME 35, NUMBER 09, PP 34277-34285 OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Regulations for Physician Assistants: NMIAC Title 140, \$140-50.3-4100

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB), hereby adopts the attached regulations as permanent regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Health Care Professions Licensing Board announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent and now does so.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Health Care Professions Licensing Board adopted the attached regulations as final as of the date of signing below.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PRIOR PUBLISHED PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY:

- § 140-50.3-004105 Practice Agreement.
 - The supervising physician and the physician assistant shall notify the Board in writing within seven (7) days of any change or the termination of the Practice Agreement.
 - At a minimum, a Practice Agreement shall be renewed every 2 years or at the time of license renewal, whichever is sooner if there is no change to the agreement within the two year period.

AUTHORITY: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to P.L. 15-105, Section 3, § 2206 (b), as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105(b), these adopted amendments to the HCPLB regulations for Physician Assistants are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2), the HCPLB has reviewed the comments on the proposed amendments to these regulations it received during the thirty-day period. Upon this adoption of the amendments, the agency, if requested to do so by any interested person, within 30 days of adoption, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations for Physician Assistants were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC \$2153(e) (to review and approve as to form and legal sufficiency all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department or agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the ____ day of _ 2010, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and Ordered by:

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Ahmad Al-Alou, MD HCPLB Chairman

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(3) (obtain AG approval), the certified final regulations, modified as indicated above from the cited proposed regulations, have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General, and shall be published (1 CMC §2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

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orney General

Filed and Recorded by:

ther SN. Nesbitt

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§ 140-50.3-004100 Part 4100. Physician Assistant.

To add a new definition under §140-50.3-4101 Definitions as subsection (h) of the HCPLB Regulations for Physician Assistant's and re-letter the subsections accordingly.

(h) "FCVS" mean the Federation Credentials Verification Services established by the FSMB in September 1996 to provide a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards to obtain a verified, primary-source record of a physician's core medical credentials. FCVS obtains primary-source verification of medical education, postgraduate training, examination history, board action history, board certification and identity. This repository of information allows a physician and/or physician assistant to establish a confidential, lifetime professional portfolio with FCVS which can be forwarded, at the applicant's request, to any state medical and osteopathic board, hospital, health care or other entity.

To amend subsection (D) and (E) and add a new subsection (F) under §140-50.3-4109 (a) (4) Applications of the HCPLB Regulations for Physician Assistants.

- (D) Documents showing proof that applicant is licensed to practice as a physician assistant in another U.S. jurisdiction; and
- (E) The FCVS's profile of the applicant submitted to the Board by the FSMB shall be accepted in lieu of the documents required in subsections (A), (B), (V), and (D) above; and
- (F) Document showing proof of a current and valid DEA registration certificate, if required.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OF SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHEFA)

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Volume, Number 07, pp 033795 – 033820, of July 28, 2013 Adopted as Permanent with No Changes

REGULATIONS OF SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHEFA): Sections 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 18 & 19

ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Board of Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (the "Board of SHEFA"), HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT regulations the Proposed Regulations which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,1 CMC § 9104(a). The Board of SHEFA announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so. (Id). I also certify by signature below that:

As published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete and correct copy of the referenced Proposed Regulations, and that they are being adopted without modification or amendment.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Board of SHEFA adopted the regulations as final at its meeting of September 20, 2012.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None.

AUTHORITY: The Board of SHEFA is required by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation to adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which the Board of SHEFA has jurisdiction. SLL 13-21. As amended, the "Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Act of 2003" (10 CMC §§ 3921-28, as amended, eff. February 2, 2004).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9105(b), these adopted regulations are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b), which, in this instance, is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9104(a)(2), the agency has considered fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulations. Upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to

adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption. Please see the following pages for this agency's concise statement, if there are any, in response to filed comments.

The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC sec. 2153(e) (To review and approve, as to form and legal sufficiency, all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 26th day of November, 2013, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and ordered by:

Josephine T. Sablan

Chair, Board of Saipan Higher Education

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Filed and Recorded by:

ESTHER SN. NESBITT Commonwealth Register Date

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD'S REGULATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS-PARAMEDICS

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Amendments to the Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The regulations would become effective 10 days after compliance with 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b) (1 CMC §9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to P.L. 15-105, Section 3, § 2206 (b), as amended.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The HCPLB must amend the regulations to delete the requirement of the passage of the NREMT's examinations for each EMS level because the HCPLB is not administering these examinations at this time and to correct some typo errors from the previous amendments.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: Amendments to these regulations:

- To delete \$140-50.3-2906(a) (5).
- To delete \$140-50.3-2907(a) (5).
- To delete \$140-50.3-2908(a) (5).
- To delete \$140-50.3-2909(a) (5).
- To amend \$140-50.3-2914(2) (i).
- To amend \$140-50.3-2914(3)(i).
- To delete § 140-50.3-2914(4) (ii).

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: The Board is soliciting comments regarding the proposed amendment which must be received by the Board within thirty (30) days of first publication of this notice in the Commonwealth Register. Interested persons may request copies of the proposed amendments by contacting us at 664-4809 or by email at bpl@pticom.com or come by our office located at Bldg. 1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Written comments on these amendments should be drop off at our office or sent to the BPL, P.O. Box 502078, Saipan, MP 96950.

Submitted By: Amsla - along Ahmad Al-Alou, MD

Chairman, HCPLB

Received By:

Esther S. Fleming
Special Assistant for Administration

Filed and Recorded By:

Esther SN. Nesbitt Commonwealth Register 11.25.13 Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC \$ 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC \$ 9104(a) (3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC \$ 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

JOEN P. SAN NICOLAS Attorney General

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MÁNGEMÁNGIL MWÓGHUT YEEL BWE EBWE ADAPTÁÁLI POMMWOL ALLÉGH KKAL:

Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) emuschel ebwe adaptááli me llegh ló allégh kka e appaasch bwe pomwol allégh, sángi mwóghutughutúl Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Allégh kka ebwe bwunguló 10 ráál mwiril yaar palaweli 1 CMC §§ 9102 me 9104(a) ngáre (b) (1 CMC §9105(b)).

BWÁNGIL: Health Care Professions Licensing Board nge eyoor bwángil ebwe akkaté me ghitipwotchuw allégh kkaal bwelle reel P.L. 15-105, Talil 3, § 2206 (b), igha e ameenda.

KKAPASAL ME AWEWEEL: HCPLB re ghitipwotch bwe rebwe ameenda li allégh bwe rebwe milaaló kkapasal rel mwóghutughutúl rel NREMT's Examination rel schóól EMT Level bwe igha HCPLB esóóbw fféér mwo examination me rebwe awela ló typo errors sángi mesamwal rel yar ameenda li

KKAPASAL ME ÓUTOL: Allégh kka rebwe ameenda li:

- 1. Rebwe amilaaló § 140-50.3-2906(a) (5).
- 2. Rebwe amilaaló § 140-50.3-2907(a) (5).
- 3. Rebwe amilaaló § 140.-50.3-2908(a) (5).
- 4. Rebwe amilaaló § 140.-50.3-2909(a) (5).
- 5. Rebwe ameenda-li § 140.-50.3-2914(2) (i).
- 6. Rebwe ameenda-li § 140.-50.3-2914(3) (i).
- 7. Rebwe amilaaló § 140.-50.3-2914(4) (ii).

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Mwir Sángi:_	Esther S. Fleming Special Assistant for Administration	///25/13 Ráll
Amwel Sángi:	Esther SN. Nesbitt Commonwealth Register	-25.13 Ráll

Sángi 1 CMC § 2153(e) Allégh kkaal a lléghló sángi AG bwe e fil reel fféérúl me 1 CMC § 9104 (a) (3) (mwiir sángi AG) Pomwol atiwligh kkal a appaaschlong a takkal amwuri fiischiy, me angúúngú ló fféérúl me legal sufficiency sángi CNMI Attorney General me ebwele akkatééwoow, 1 CMC §2153(f) (Arongowowul allégh me atiwligh kkaal).

Joey P. San Nicolas

Attorney General

To delete § 140-50.3-2906 (a) (5) because the HCPLB is not administering these examinations at this time.

§ 140-50.3-2906 Requirements for Licensure—Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). No individual shall hold himself or herself out to be an EMR unless that individual is licensed by the Board. An applicant to practice as an EMR must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a U.S. citizen or a national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the CNMI, and meet the following requirements:

- (a) Applicant must submit evidence of one of the following:
 - (5) Document showing evidence of passage of the NREMT's FR examinations completed within the last two years prior to applying for licensure; and

To delete § 140-50.3-2907 (a) (5) because the HCPLB is not administering these examinations at this time.

§ 140-50.3-2907 Requirements for Licensure—Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). No individual shall hold himself or herself out to be an EMT unless that individual is licensed by the Board. An applicant to practice as an EMT must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a U.S. citizen or a national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the CNMI, and meet the following requirements:

- (a) Applicant must submit evidence of one of the following:
 - (5) A document showing evidence of passage of the NREMT's EMT-Basic examinations completed within the last two years prior to applying for licensure; and

To delete § 140-50.3-2908 (a) (5) because the HCPLB is not administering these examinations at this time.

§ 140-50.3-2908 Requirements for Licensure—Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT): No individual shall hold himself or herself out to be an AEMT unless that individual is licensed by the Board. An applicant to practice as an AEMT must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a U.S. citizen or a national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the CNMI, and meet the following requirements:

- (a) Applicant must submit evidence of one of the following:
 - (5) Document showing evidence of passage of the NREMT's AEMT examinations completed within the last two years prior to applying for licensure; and

To delete § 140-50.3-2909 (a) (5) because the HCPLB is not administering these examinations at this time.

§ 140-50.3-2909 Requirements for Licensure—Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) No individual shall hold himself or herself out to be an EMT-P unless that individual is licensed by the Board. An applicant to practice as an EMT-P must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a U.S. citizen or a national lawfully entitled to remain and work in the CNMI, and meet the following requirements:

- (a) Applicant must submit evidence of one of the following:
 - (5) Document showing evidence of passage of the NREMT-P examinations completed within the last two years prior to applying for licensure; and

To amend § 140-50.3-2914 (2) (i) typo error; should be "or" instead of "and".

- (2) EMT:
 - (i) Completion of an approved 24 hour DOT National Standard EMT-B/EMT refresher or CECBEMS approved refresher course; or

To amend § 140-50.3-2914 (3) (i) typo error; should be "or" instead of "and".

(3) AEMT:

(i) Completion of an approved 36 hour DOT National Standard AEMT refresher or CECBEMS approved refresher course; or

To delete § 140-50.3-2914 (4) (ii) below because it's redundant.

(4) EMT-P:

(ii) Completion of approved continuing education equivalent to a refresher course; and



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD'S REGULATIONS FOR DENTISTS, SPECIALISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Amendments to the Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The regulations would become effective 10 days after compliance with 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b) (1 CMC §9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to P.L. 15-105, Section 3, § 2206 (b), as amended.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The HCPLB shall amend the regulations to allow the licensed dental hygienist from the CHC Dental Clinic to assist the dental assistants employed there to provide educational and preventative oral health services, independent of a licensed dentist, pursuant to the Public Health's · Oral Health Program for children.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: Amendments to these regulations:

- § 140-50.3-002617 (b)(1) Dental Hygienist Scope of Practice.
- § 140-50.3-002633 (c) Dental Assistant-Scope of Practice.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: The Board is soliciting comments regarding the proposed amendment which must be received by the Board within thirty (30) days of first publication of this notice in the Commonwealth Register. Interested persons may request copies of the proposed amendments by contacting us at 664-4809 or by email at bpl@pticom.com or come by our office located at Bldg. 1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Written comments on these amendments should be drop off at our office or sent to the BPL, P.O. Box 502078, Saipan, MP 96950.

Submitted By:	ahmad al-Alovino	10/25/13
	Ahmad Al-Alou, MD	Date
Received By:	Chairman HCPLB Esther S Fleming Special Assistant for Administration	///21/3 Date
Filed and Rec	Q 1st	11.25.13 Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a) (3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC formally attached to the contract of t § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

JOEY P. SAN NICOLAS

Attorney General

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BWÁNGIL: Health Care Professions Licensing Board nge eyoor bwángil ebwe akkaté me ghitipwotchuw allégh kkaal bwelle reel P.L. 1S-105, Talil 3, § 2206 (b), igha e ameenda.

KKAPASAL ME AWEWEEL: HCPLB emmwel rebwe ameenda li allégh bwe ebwe mmwel ngáliir licensed dental hygienists merel CHC Dental Clinic bwe rebwe aliisir dental assistants ikka re angaang iye bwe rebwe akkabwuung bwe rebwe ayoora educational and preventive oral health services, independent of a licensed dentist, igha e palaweli Public Health's Oral Health Program iye re ayoora reer olighát.

KKAPASAL ME ÓUTOL: Allégh kka rebwe ameenda li:

- 1. § 140-S0.3-002617 (b) (1) Dental Hygienist Scope of Practice
- 2. § 140-50.3-002633 (c) Dental Assistant Scope of Practice

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Joey P. San Nicolas Attorney General 11/25/13 Ráll To amend \S 140-50.3-002617 (b) (1) of the regulations.

- § 140-50.3-002617 Dental Hygienist—Scope of Practice.
 - (b) A CNMI-licensed dental hygienist may not: (1) Deliver dental hygiene services independent of a CNMI-licensed dentist, except for educational and preventative oral health services provided by dental hygienists employed at the CHC Dental Clinic which are rendered pursuant to the Public Health's Oral Health Program for children, within the scope of these regulations;

To amend § 140-50.3-002633 (c) and re-letter sections accordingly.

- § 140-50.3-002633 Dental Assistant—Scope of Practice.
 - (c) A dental assistant employed at the CHC Dental Clinic may assist a dental hygienist, independent of a licensed dentist, for educational and preventative oral health services rendered pursuant to the Public Health's Oral Health Program for children, within the scope of these regulations;



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Eloy S. Inos Governor Jude U. Hofschneider Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2013-24

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUTHORITY: Article III, § 15 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article III of the CNMI Constitution empowers the Governor to make changes to the allocation, functions, and duties of offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article III of the Constitution states that if such changes affect existing law, they shall be set forth in executive orders which shall be submitted to the legislature and shall become effective sixty (60) days after submission, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of the members of each house of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) share many duties and responsibilities with respect to the protection and management of the natural resources of the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, integrating CRMO and DEQ will help to achieve a more ideal CNMI representation to the public and to U.S. Federal Agencies (i.e., USEPA, USNOAA) by fully integrating and collaborating in the architecture of their agencies' grants, strategic goals, and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the integration will establish an efficient and economical agency that will benefit the public by having a more efficient permitting process, eliminating overlapping and redundant responsibilities and attaining positive collaboration in common areas of environmental management by sharing resources while engaged in similar purposes, mission and duties; and WHEREAS, both DEQ and CRM are currently established as part of the Office of the Governor pursuant to 1 CMC § 2650 and 1 CMC § 2081, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the functions, duties and responsibilities assigned by law to CRMO under Title 2, Division 1 and to DEQ under Title 2, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code can be more effectively organized and carried out by an integrated agency within the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the executive branch;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, do hereby,

DECLARE that efficient management of the natural resources of the CNMI requires the reorganization of CRMO and DEQ within the Office of the Governor

ORDER that pursuant to my constitutional reorganization powers:

- 1. There is hereby established the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) to be headed by an Administrator, under which there shall be two Divisions: the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM).
- 2. The Director of DEQ on the effective date of this Executive Order is hereby designated as the Administrator of the BECQ.
- 3. The Directors of DCRM and DEQ shall be appointed by the Administrator of BECQ.
- 4. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Division of Environmental Quality found in Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapters 12, Article 5 and Title 2, Division 3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Co e, and any regulations promulgated thereby, are hereby transferred to the BECQ, and the Director of the re-established DEQ within BECQ shall have responsibility for the day-to-day operations and supervision of the DEQ.
- 5. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the CRMO found in Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 3 and Title 2, Division 1, Chapters 5 and 6 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code and applicable regulations, are hereby transferred to BECQ, and the Director of the DCRM within the BECQ shall have responsibility for the day-to-day operations and supervision of the DCRM.
- The Director of DCRM shall assume all of the legal responsibilities of the CRMO Administrator under Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 3 and Title 2,

- Division 1, Chapters 5 and 6 of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Code and applicable regulations.
- 7. The administration of the DCRM shall be under the supervision of the Administrator. Subject to the overall direction of the Administrator, the Director of the DCRM shall have supervision and be responsible for all matters concerning the Coastal Resources Management Program. The Director of DCRM within BECQ shall implement the Coastal Zone Management Act in the CNMI as specified by law, manage the Coastal Resources Management Program, and assume all statutory and regulatory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Administrator of the CRMO as set forth in Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 3 and Title 2, Division 1, Chapters 5 and 6 and applicable regulations.
- All other provisions of, and statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and 8 responsibilities pursuant to, the Coastal Resources Management Act of 1983, 2 CMC §§ 1501-1543, shall remain unchanged.
- 9. The expenditure authority for BECO and its constituent offices, including the DCRM, shall be the Governor or his designee.
- 10. All records and property (real or personal) of the CRMO and all the personnel used in the administration of the CRMO (including employees whose chief duties relate to such administration) are hereby transferred to the BECO. All personal property transferred shall maintain their grant identity and shall be used exclusively to support and enhance specific project objectives. All personnel transferred pursuant to Executive Order shall maintain their current positions and status in the classified civil service or in the excepted service as the case may be. The Office of Personnel Management shall ensure an orderly transfer of personnel.
- The unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, allotments, or other funds 11. available for the use of the CRMO on the effective date of the transfer are transferred to the DCRM within BECO on the effective date of this transfer. In the transfer of such funds, an amount shall be included for the liquidation of obligations incurred prior to the transfer. Subsequent to the transfer, CRMO operations shall be reflected in the annual budget of the BECO. The Department of Finance, however, shall not co-mingle any funds from federal grantors to CRM and/or DEO and shall maintain the separate accounts currently in place.
- 12. The Administrator of BECO shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities prescribed by this Executive Order, consistent with the Coastal Resources Management Act of 1983, 2 CMC § § 1501-1543.

PROVIDE that all rules, orders, contracts and agreements relating to the assigned functions lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Executive Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended, repealed or terminated.

PROVIDE that if any provision of this Executive Order or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Executive Order or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

PROVIDE that in accordance with the Constitution, this plan shall become effective 60 days after submission to the Legislature, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of members in each house of the Legislature.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED this 12 day of November, 2013.

ELOY S. INOS

Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

Jude U. Hofschneider Lieutenant Governor

DIRECTIVE

NO. 09

DATE:

November 6, 2013

TO:

ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

GOVERNOR

RE:

EMPLOYMENT

This Directive serves to reiterate that no person shall begin working in any department or agency without a completed personnel action including drug test results and any other requirement as required by the Personnel System Rules and Regulations. Any person who authorizes an applicant to begin working without the completed employment documents shall be held personally liable for wages due.

Thank you,

ELOY S. INOS

Governor

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