



COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND JUSTIFICATION

May 18, 2023

The basis for these rules is to carry out the provisions of the Medical Practice Act at section 12-240-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. The attached emergency rules are promulgated to comply with state law.

The Board finds that immediate adoption of amendments to Board Rule 100 (currently 3 CCR 713-17) - which will be reorganized as Board Rule 1.5 in 3 CCR 713-1 - is imperatively necessary to comply with state or federal law or for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare and compliance with the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S. would be contrary to the public interest. Over the last two years, the occupational credential portability program, at section 12-20-202(3), C.R.S. has directed the division of professions and occupations and its regulators to strive to reduce barriers to licensure for qualified applicants. Adoption of the amendments to Rule 100, known as new rule 1.5, on an emergency basis, further the goals of the occupational credential portability program and reduce barriers to entry for qualified medical professionals regulated by the Board.

The Board finds that the Canadian licensure examination known as the MCCQE is substantially similar to the licensing examinations offered in the United States, known as the USMLE, the COMLEX-USA, and the FLEX examinations. The Board has statutory authority to identify examinations which meet the licensure requirements of section 12-240-110(1)(b), C.R.S. The Board finds it is imperatively necessary to

adopt the amendments on an emergency basis in order to authorize approval of applications for qualified individuals.