



# Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption/Amendment of Regulations of the  
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Board's Reno office located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521, with video-conferencing to the Board's Las Vegas office located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption and amendment of three regulations that pertain to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

**R069-23** This regulation draft adds requirements for anesthesiologist assistants with regard to licensure applications and disciplinary matters to NAC Chapter 630 and sets out documentation and other requirements that are necessary for public safety. It also adds anesthesiologist assistants to relevant existing NAC Chapter 630 provisions. A copy of the proposed regulation draft is attached to this notice for review.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

**1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:**

The proposed regulation is necessary to fully implement AB270 which was enacted by the Nevada Legislature in the 2023 Legislative Session and to ensure that anesthesiologist assistants are included in all existing relevant provisions in NAC Chapter 630 and to provide for relevant disciplinary matters regarding anesthesiologist assistants in order to ensure public safety.

**2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and the issues involved:**

The proposed regulation is not temporary.

**3. If the proposed regulation is a permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation:**

A copy of this Notice and the proposed regulation will be on file at the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members

of the public during business hours. Additional copies of this Notice and the proposed regulations to be amended will be available at the offices of the Board at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521 and 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours and on the Board's website, <https://medboard.nv.gov/>. This Notice and the text of the proposed regulation is also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and available on the Internet at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>. Copies of this Notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

**4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:**

**a. Both adverse and beneficial effects:**

The Board does not believe that the proposed regulation will have an adverse economic effect on the business of the practice of medicine, respiratory care, or perfusion, nor will it have an economic effect on the public. The Board does believe that the proposed regulation will have a beneficial effect on the practice of medicine in that it will fully implement AB270 and allow anesthesiologist assistants to assist with the practice of medicine as directed by the Nevada Legislature. Full implementation of this new licensure category, including adding requirements for documentation and disciplinary matters, will help physicians provide medical care to citizens of Nevada with the assistance of anesthesiologist assistants in a safe and effective manner.

**b. Both immediate and long-term effects:**

The Board does not believe that the proposed regulation will have an immediate or long-term economic negative effect on the business of the practice of medicine, respiratory care, or perfusion, nor will it have an economic effect on the public. The proposed regulation will help hospitals and health care providers fully implement the new licensure category of anesthesiologist assistants. The proposed regulation also contains more information regarding the licensure process for anesthesiologist assistants, as well as the continuing education requirements and renewal requirements for this license type. These regulations will be necessary to ensure that all licensees are aware of the requirements promulgated by the Board in these areas.

**5. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on small business:**

The Board sent letters regarding the proposed regulation and requesting information regarding whether the proposed regulations would impact small businesses to the Better Business Bureau of Northern Nevada, the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada, multiple chambers of commerce offices in the State of Nevada, the Nevada State Medical Association, the Washoe County Medical Society, and the Clark County Medical Society. To date, the Board has received no responses indicating that these proposed regulations will impact small businesses.

**6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:**

Enforcement of the proposed regulations will result in an increased cost to the Board. However, the addition of this new licensure type by the 2023 Nevada Legislature also included a

licensure fee that applicants will pay to the Board to be licensed. The Board believes that its costs will be recouped over time as more anesthesiologist assistants are licensed.

- 7. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, this Notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:**

To the Board's knowledge, the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate the regulations of other state or local governmental agencies or any federal regulations.

- 8. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law:**

The proposed regulations are not required pursuant to federal law.

- 9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**

To the Board's knowledge, the proposed regulations do not regulate the same activity addressed in a federal regulation.

- 10. The time when, the place where and the manner in which interested persons may present their views on regarding the proposed regulation:**

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed regulations of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on or before 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

- 11. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied:**

The proposed regulations are not temporary.

- 12. Statement Pursuant to NRS 233B.064(2):**

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

### **13. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee:**

The proposed regulations do not establish new fees or increase existing fees. The fees for this new licensure category were added by the 2023 Nevada Legislature to NRS Chapter 630.

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