

Rules of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

CHAPTER 195-1 ADMINISTRATION

195-1-.01 General Definitions.

(1) “Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce” means the organization and its office, formerly known as the Joint Board of Family Practice, redesignated under Ga. Laws 1998, Act 785 (SB 533), and governed by Title 49 Chapter 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as amended, to address the physician health care workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs and to increase the number of physicians and health care practitioners practicing in underserved rural areas by administering ~~to administer~~ such grants and programs as may be funded from time to time by the Georgia General Assembly relating to the education and training of physicians and health care practitioners.

(2) “Board” means the members serving a term of office on the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce. The Board shall be composed of 15 members, all of whom are residents of Georgia.

(a) Four members shall be primary care physicians, at least two of whom shall be from rural areas, four members shall be physicians who are not primary care physicians, at least two of whom shall practice in rural areas, three members shall be representatives of hospital which are not teaching hospitals, with at least two of those members being a representative of a rural, nonprofit hospital, one member shall be a physician assistant, one member shall be a nurse practitioner, and one member representative from the business community, and one member shall have no connection with the practice of medicine or the provision of health care. The physicians on the Board shall represent a diversity of medical disciplines including, but not limited to, women’s health, geriatrics and children’s health and to the greatest extent possible, shall be in the active practice of medicine providing direct patient care. The Board shall represent the gender, racial, and geographical diversity of the state.

(b) All members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. All members of the Board in office on July 1, 2019, shall continue to serve as a member of the board until the expiration of his or her term of office.

1. Successors to members shall be appointed for terms of six years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members appointed shall be eligible to serve on the Board until confirmed by the Senate at the session of the General Assembly next following their appointment.

(c) In the case of a vacancy on the Board by reason of death or resignation of a member or for any other cause other than the expiration of the member’s term of office, the Board shall by secret ballot elect a temporary successor. If the General Assembly is in session, the temporary successor shall serve until the end of that session. If the General Assembly is not in session, the temporary successor shall serve until the end of the session next

following the vacancy or until the expiration of the vacated member's term of office, whichever occurs first. The Governor shall appoint a permanent successor who shall be confirmed by the Senate. The permanent successor shall take office on the first day after the General Assembly adjourns and shall serve for the unexpired term and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(3) The "Executive Director" is the chief administrative officer of the Board and directs the day-to-day operations of its office. The Executive Director is charged to perform all the duties and responsibilities delegated by the Board.

(4) "Standing Committee" means a committee performing a continuous function which will remain in existence permanently or for the life of the assembly that establishes it.

(5) "Special Committee" means a committee organized to carry out a specific task, which at the completion of said task, shall no longer exist.

(6) "Annual Meeting" means the first meeting of the Board after the beginning of the Fiscal Year and at which a quorum is present.

~~(7) "Georgia Resident" means to qualify as a resident of the state of Georgia for the purpose of participation in the Medical Student Capitation Program, or other Board program where appropriate, an entering freshman student must show he/she has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least twelve months prior to certification of residency. In the event a student is identified as a potential participant after beginning a program of study, the student must demonstrate he/she was a legal resident of Georgia for a period of one year prior to entering the medical school. A Certification of Residency Form, as defined by the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, must be completed. This Form shall be notarized and signed by a judge of the highest court of the county where a student maintains his/her legal residence. Completion of this Form shall constitute sufficient proof of Georgia residency status.~~

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