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Address 1:	Metro Center
Address 2:	665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Conference Room
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Revision Type (check all that apply):

- Amendment
- New
- Repeal

Rule(s) (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
0880-02	General Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine
Rule Number	Rule Title
0880-02-.08	Examination
0880-02-.11	Officers, Records, Meeting Requests, Certificates of Fitness, Advisory Rulings, Declaratory

	Orders and Screening Panels
0880-02-.14	Specially Regulated Areas and Aspects of Medical Practice

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Rule Chapter 0880-02
General Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine

Amendments

Rule 0880-02-.08 Examination is amended by deleting subparagraph (4)(e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph shall read:

- (e) Extensions- The amount of time an applicant has actively served while in continuous training and practice in the armed forces of the United States shall not be counted in calculating the seven (7) year limitation for the USMLE contained in subparagraph (4)(b) of this rule. Further, the seven (7) year limitation for the USMLE will not apply to applicants who:
 - 1. Are board- certified at the time of application by a board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties; or
 - 2. Have been and are at the time of application currently in active clinical practice in a single state or territory for a period of at least one year and have held a full, unencumbered license in that state for at least one year since successfully completing the USMLE; or
 - 3. Present satisfactory evidence of extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Board which prevented the applicant from timely completing the steps.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-6-101 and 63-6-207.

Rule 0880-02-.11 Officers, Records, Meeting Requests, Certificates of Fitness, Advisory Rulings, Declaratory Orders and Screening Panels is amended by deleting paragraph (1), including its subparagraphs, in its entirety and by substituting the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraph shall read:

- (1) Officers - The Board shall elect every second year from its members the following officers who shall hold office for two years or until the election of a successor:
 - (a) President - who shall preside at all Board meetings.
 - (b) Vice President - who shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the President.
 - (c) Secretary - who along with the Board Administrator shall be responsible for correspondence from the Board.
 - (d) Panel Chairperson - A Board Member appointed by the President of the Board or the panel to preside over business assigned to any panel of the Board established pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-6-103(b).

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-6-101, 63-6-103, and 63-6-214.

Rule 0880-02-.14 Specially Regulated Areas and Aspects of Medical Practice is amended by adding new paragraph (15) which shall read:

- (15) For purposes of T.C.A. § 53-11-311 regarding use of buprenorphine products and in order to qualify as an "addiction specialist", a physician must meet one of the following definitions:
 - (a) A physician licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners or the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination who has achieved certification through the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) or subspecialty certification through the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) in addiction psychiatry or has completed the residency and fellowship requirements for same and is in the board certification process; or
 - (b) A physician licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners or the Tennessee Board of

Osteopathic Examination who has a primary ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties) board certification and at least three (3) years of experience treating patients who have a primary substance abuse disorder while the physician is employed by a facility that is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and only while so employed. At least six (6) months of that experience must be gained while taking care of patients that are at the Alcohol and Drug Residential Detoxification of Alcohol and Residential Rehabilitation level of care.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 63-6-101, 63-1-145, 63-6-101, 63-6-204, 63-6-214, 63-6-244, and 68-3-502.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: 5-25-16

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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