NJ Board of Medical Examiners Streamlines Licensure Regulations



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The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners (BME) has implemented changes to healthcare licensure regulations in New Jersey, specifically N.J.A.C. 13:35-3.2, N.J.A.C. 13:35-3.3, and N.J.A.C. 13:35-3.14, to simplify the process for granting licenses to out-of-state healthcare professionals and streamline the processes for license renewal, reactivation and reinstatement. The revised regulations create a single process for granting licenses to various types of providers who are licensed in other states under specific conditions, including equivalent education, training, and examination standards in the issuing state, a minimum of two years' recent practice experience and stringent documentation requirements, including a clean criminal history record check.

The BME has also restructured and simplified the process related to license renewal, reactivation and reinstatement, creating a single set of criteria regardless of the duration of license suspension or inactivity. Under the revised regulations, inactive or suspended licensees seeking reactivation or reinstatement must follow a process that includes submitting a renewal application, documenting their employment during the inactive period, paying active renewal fees, providing evidence of completion of required continuing education, and submitting a Criminal History Certification of Authorization. Those with current good-standing licenses from other states that meet New Jersey's continuing education standards are exempt from additional continuing education. The BME may impose additional assessments, education requirements, supervision requirements, monitoring or limitations on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as the duration of inactivity, employment and disciplinary history and pending legal or disciplinary actions.

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