

OREGON BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING
BOARD MEETING, October 17, 2014

Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street
Conference Room "1-D"

UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES

Board attendance: Frank Krause (Chair), Shirlee Templeton (Vice-Chair), Wayne Lemler, William McMillen, Kimberly Earp, Pamela Warren, Dr. Akshay Gupta. Also David Howe (RPS; advisory member), Rick Wendt (RPS; advisory member).

Staff in attendance: Ed Conlow, Executive Director; Carol Parks, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Catherine Hess, OBMI Investigator; Michelle Van Kleeck, OBMI investigator; Vincent Mandina, Administrative LEDS Specialist.

CT Waiver:

Propose waiver for grandfathered radiographers to apply for a waiver to perform computed tomography: Ed Conlow indicated to the Board that it had recently come to the attention of the OBMI that current rules require persons performing CT to at least have a basic ARRT credential. He said that he knows of two grandfathered radiographers (without an ARRT credential) who are currently performing CT in rural hospitals. He asked the Board if the Board wishes to adopt a waiver provision in rule, applicable to non-credentialed licensees who can document CT experience, who work in a state-designated rural hospital, and who can pass the ARRT examination for computed tomography. The OBMI would offer ARRT's CT exam through state sponsorship, and the hospital would need to demonstrate that it needs the grandfathered radiographer to be able to perform CT. He said that the Board could adopt the rule to apply only to grandfathered licensees or could make the rule more general to apply to any licensee (now and in the future) who does not have the proper credentials to perform CT. As part of the motion, he asked the Board if the Board would be willing to adopt a temporary rule so that the waiver could be immediately available, because of two grandfathered radiographers working in rural hospitals who say they need to apply for the waiver immediately.

Lawrence Kuzmaul, a grandfathered licensed radiographer who works at Providence Seaside Hospital, was recognized to address the Board. He expressed support for the temporary rulemaking, saying that, without the temporary rule, he will not be able to work his upcoming scheduled shifts at the hospital. In addition, he expressed support for a preliminary waiver –approved immediately – with 60 days to meet all the waiver requirements.

Peggy Keith, with the OSRT, was recognized by the Board to comment. She discussed a provision of the draft temporary rule that would require a waiver applicant to document a minimum of five CT exams in any area that the waiver will allow them to practice in. She said that the rule should require the supervisor of the exams to be CT-certified.

The Board agreed to consider adoption of the more expansive version of the CT waiver provision, to apply not just to grandfathered licenses (without a basic ARRT credential) but to apply to any

licensee going forward (including—after 1-1-17—those *with* an ARRT credential but *without* a CT) who meets the Board’s waiver requirements. The waiver provision includes a 60-day preliminary waiver available, with the proviso that supervised exams will need to be supervised by a CT-certified technologist. The vote is to adopt the waiver rule initially as a temporary rule, to go into effect immediately, and to jointly begin the rulemaking process to make this temporary rule a permanent rule. Earp moved; McMillen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Following the vote on the CT waiver, Earp moved, McMillen seconded, to adopt a permanent rule to require that, on or after January 1, 2017, a technologist will need to have a CT sub-specialty credential in order to perform CT. Approved unanimously. (The waiver provision, earlier adopted as a temporary rule and permanent rulemaking, is intended to become part of this larger CT permanent rule.)

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