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BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING ***** UPDATE *****

COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN BEND (JULY 25) AND MEDFORD (JULY 26)

Please join members of the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging for informal lunchtime community conversations in Bend on Wednesday, July 25 and in Medford on Thursday, July 26. We'll talk about what we do at the Board of Medical Imaging, and we'd like to hear your comments and suggestions regarding things we could be doing to better serve the needs of our licensees and the community in general.

WHO IS INVITED: *Anyone may attend; no reservation required.*

WHEN / WHERE:

Bend: *Wednesday, July 25, 2012, from Noon until 1:00 PM*

St. Charles Medical Center

2500 NE Neff Rd, Bend

Classroom "G" (go in main entrance and up stairs/elevator next to the downstairs deli)

Medford: *Thursday, July 26, from Noon until 1:00 PM*

Smullin Center Room 108

On the Campus of the Rogue Valley Medical Center

Medford, OR

WHO FROM THE BOARD WILL BE ATTENDING:

Board Chair Thomas R. King, MBA RT(R) ARRT

Board Member Shirlee Templeton, (CNMT) NMTCB

Executive Director Ed Conlow

QUESTIONS: *Contact Ed Conlow, Executive Director at 971-673-0216 or ed.conlow@state.or.us.*

OBMI WILL NOT SEEK LEGISLATION IN 2013 TO REGULATE SUBSPECIALTIES

In April the Board discussed moving forward with a 2013 legislative concept to authorize the Board to establish specific educational or examination requirements for medical imaging subspecialties. This legislation was crafted with an eye toward requiring sonographers to have passed at least one credentialing exam in any of the general subspecialization categories in which they practice. Based upon discussions with the Governor's office, the Board will not pursue this legislative concept in 2013. Rather, the Board will engage in discussions with interested parties to seek consensus on strategies to assure that medical imaging technologists are properly trained in the areas in which they practice.

OBMI POLICY REGARDING RELEASE OF LICENSEE ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL

OBMI PROPOSES TO OUTLAW MEDICAL IMAGING THAT IS NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY

The Board of Medical Imaging is proposing state legislation to outlaw *any* medical imaging procedure using ionizing or nonionizing radiation on a human *unless prescribed by an authorized health provider for medical or diagnostic purposes*. This proposed legislation is an expanded version of a Connecticut law that, responding to health concerns raised by the FDA and others, prohibits photo studios in that state from offering ultrasound “keepsake images” to expectant parents. In keeping with the Oregon’s Board’s overarching mission to protect the public health, the proposed Oregon prohibition would extend to all forms of medical imaging, not just sonography and not just for obstetrical purposes. The Oregon legislative concept is expected to be considered by the state legislature in 2013.

PROVISIONAL LICENSES

If someone has a provisional license with an expiration date after 1-1-14, we will continue to honor it until it expires; the statute does not require us to nullify these provisional licenses on 1-1-14, and we won’t. But at the April 20, 2012 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to set an expiration date of 1-1-14 for all provisional licenses issued from that date forward. So there are some who were issued a 2-yr provisional license from January 2012 until the April board meeting, and their provisional licenses will be honored for up to the full two years, into 2014. But any provisional licenses issued since April 20, 2012, are set to expire on 1-1-14. From April 20, 2012 forward, any provisional license issued or renewed up until the very end of calendar 2013 is set to expire 1-1-14. After 1-1-14, we cannot issue or renew a license unless the technologist has a recognized national credential (there are a few exceptions for long-time RTs).

CT DOESN’T REQUIRE A SEPARATE LICENSE

BOARD AMENDS RULES FOR TEMPORARY LICENSURE

At the April 20, 2012 meeting of the Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI), the OBMI adopted amendments to the agency’s administrative rules regarding temporary licensure. The amendments went into effect on May 1, 2012. (These rules do NOT apply to temporary limited permits.) The final version of the rules was amended to incorporate several suggestions that were received from the public during the public comment period. Final adopted amendments accomplish the following:

- Specify that a medical imaging student may be employed (under supervision) with a temporary license no earlier than five months prior to the student’s projected course completion date. (The duration of a temporary license remains six months.)
- To obtain a temporary license, the student will need to have the school director sign a statement on the temporary license application form that indicates that the student is in good standing and is competent to work under supervision.
- Clarify current OBMI practice that a six-month temporary license may be renewed one time for an additional six month period.
- Clarify current practice that a person with a temporary license must be supervised by a licensed physician or medical imaging licensee who is physically present in the building and available to assist the licensee.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING!

Currently there are several vacancies that need to be filled and we are always on the lookout for responsible and committed individuals to serve on the Board. State law specifies that the Board consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, including four physicians, five medical imaging licensees, including one each from the five medical imaging licensure categories, and three members of the public who do not have a license from the board. If you are interested, please check out the Governor’s executive appointments website at <http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml> and

submit your application. Please call Ed Conlow (971-673-0216) at the OBMI office if you have any questions or want to know more about what is involved with Board membership.

2012 BOARD MEETING DATES

The OBMI meets quarterly in Portland. Meetings typically start at 8:30 and are concluded by 4:30 pm. All portions of board meetings are open to the public except for licensure disciplinary actions which are held in executive session in accordance with Oregon law. Board meeting preliminary agendas are typically posted on the OBMI website several weeks prior to each meeting. Remaining 2012 scheduled meeting dates are:

- Thursday, July 12 (board retreat)
- Friday, July 13
- Friday, October 5

MAKE SURE YOU RENEW ON TIME!

As a courtesy, the Board of Medical Imaging sends out advance renewal notices through regular mail. But it is the sole responsibility of each license or permit holder to renew on time. Be aware of your renewal date and renew ahead of time to avoid the \$25 late fee! Licensees can renew online through our website at www.oregon.gov/obmi. (Limited permit holders must mail or deliver their renewal along with proof of required continuing education.)

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED WITH US

Please keep us updated on your home and work addresses and contact information. There is a link to an “updated information form” on our website (www.oregon.gov/obmi), at the bottom of the left-hand menu, which you can mail or fax to us.

OFFICE CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2012

State Government Furlough Days

Due to state budget reductions, the OBMI office will be closed on the following 2012 dates:

- Friday, August 17
- Friday, October 29
- Friday, November 23

State Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 3
Veterans Day	Monday, Nov. 12
Thanksgiving	Thursday, Nov. 22
Christmas Day	Tuesday, Dec. 25

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Call us at 971-673-0215 or email to OBMI.Info@state.or.us. Our mailing address is:

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