

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 15-07

(Adopted December 3, 2015)

INTERIM POLICY ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Relative to Domestic Violence, requires that the Board of Registration in Medicine and other health profession boards develop and administer licensing standards that include education and training on domestic violence and sexual violence by July 1, 2015.

The Board of Medicine is in the midst of an Executive Order 562 Regulations Review process that includes a regulation on the DVSVT requirement. In addition, once this regulation is promulgated, the Board will need to change its licensing processes to incorporate the DVSVT requirement.

On July 2, 2015, the Board adopted Policy 15-04, "Interim Policy on Compliance with the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Training Requirement." This policy issued an administrative waiver of the DVSVT requirement for all license applicants applying on July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The regulation and its corresponding technical changes to the Board's licensing processes will not be in effect by December 31, 2015.

As part of its coordinated plan for the implementation of this statute, the Board adopts the following interim policy, effective immediately:

All applicants for initial full licenses, including applicants for volunteer, temporary and administrative licenses, who file their license applications on January 1, 2016 through July 1, 2016, shall hereby be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement. All full licensees, including volunteer and administrative licensees and temporary licensees, who renew, apply to revive a lapsed license, apply to reactivate inactive licenses or apply to return from retired status on January 1, 2016 through July 1, 2016 shall be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement.

All applicants for initial full licenses, including applicants for volunteer and administrative licenses, who file during this period and all full licensees, including volunteer, temporary and administrative licensees, who apply to renew apply to revive a lapsed license, apply to reactivate inactive licenses or apply to return from retired status during this period will need to comply with the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirements at their next license renewal.