COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 17-02

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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 has been developing regulations to implement this law. In addition, once the regulation is promulgated, the Board needs to change its licensing processes to incorporate the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement.

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, who file their license applications on July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, shall hereby be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement. All full licensees who renew or apply to revive a lapsed license on July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 shall be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement.

All applicants for initial full licenses who file during this period and all full licensees who apply to renew and all inactive licensees who apply to revive a lapsed license during this period will need to comply with the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirements at their next license renewal.