COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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INTERIM POLICY ON TEMPORARY WAIVER OF

THE ALZHEIMER’S AND RELATED DEMENTIAS TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2018, An Act Relative to Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias in the Commonwealth, requires that physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses and practical nurses take a one-time educational course on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. The Board of Medicine will work with the physician assistant and nursing boards to develop a training that will satisfy the statutory requirements. Additionally, before implementation, the Board needs to change several online processes to incorporate this training into its licensing program.

**Limited Applicability**

This educational training requirement **only** applies to **licensees who serve adult populations**. If the physician has an active license but is not seeing patients, the physician does not need to fulfill the one-time educational course on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

As part of its coordinated plan for the implementation of Sections 3 and 9 of this statute, the Board adopts the following interim policy, effective immediately:

All applicants and licensees who apply for a license from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021 shall hereby be granted an administrative waiver of the Alzheimer’s educational training requirement for this licensing cycle. All licensees will have until November 7, 2022 to complete this one-time requirement.