COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2022-05

INTERIM POLICY ON POST-GRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

June 16, 2022

On May 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, Governor Charles D. Baker declared that an emergency exists that is detrimental to the public health in the Commonwealth due to the continuing threat of COVID-19. On January 14, 2022, the Commissioner of Public Health issued COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-04 to take actions necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by ordering that the Board of Registration in Medicine allow for expedited licensure of physicians who are graduates of International Medical Schools and who are currently practicing in a United States jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Board of Registration in Medicine issues this Policy in order to implement and maintain consistency with COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-04 and to ensure there is no interruption in patient care.

Specifically, all graduates of International Medical Schools who have satisfactorily completed at least two years of postgraduate medical training in a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or in an accredited Canadian program and who are currently practicing in a United States Jurisdiction shall be eligible for licensure. The Board shall review and approve such applications by expedited process.

Board staff shall notify the Board Chair when it becomes aware of any individual instance where, due to special concerns, application of this policy may be contrary to the public interest. The Board Chair shall determine whether to apply or suspend the terms of this policy in any such individual instance. All applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance not inconsistent with this policy remain in effect. This policy is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board.