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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 540 Department or Agency Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Rule No. 540-X-18-.05

Rule Title: Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

\_\_\_\_\_ New  Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt by Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer \_\_\_\_\_  


Date: January 22, 2015

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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-18-.05, Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate (QACSC)

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to provide that continuing education necessary for renewal of QACSC shall be obtained from a Board approved course or courses

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Patricia E. Shaner, Office of General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, 848 Washington Avenue (36104), Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including Monday, March 9, 2015. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule should contact Patricia E. Shaner, Office of General Counsel, (334-242-4116), PO Box 946, 848 Washington Avenue (36104), Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 9, 2015

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Registration Certificate (QACSC).

(1) Renewal of a QACSC shall be annually on or before January 1 of each year. An application for annual renewal of a QACSC shall be received by the Board on or before December 31 and shall be accompanied by the required QACSC renewal fee.

(2) As a requirement for renewing a QACSC, a CRNP or CNM shall obtain, every two years, four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ or equivalent through a Board approved course or courses regarding the prescribing of controlled substances ~~every two years.~~

(3) Before renewing a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, the applicant shall have a current registration to access the Controlled Substances Prescription Database established and maintained by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

(4) Before renewing a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, an applicant shall have a current and appropriate registration issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama §§ 20-2-250, et. seq.; Act 2013-223

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