Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce hereby gives notice of its intention to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce as follows:

Applicable Rules to be Amended:

- 195-12-.03

Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce are being amended. The information is posted at www.gbpw.georgia.gov or may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, (except for official State holidays), at the office of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Any interested person wishing to make objections or present their views on this action to the Board may do so in writing no later than January 7, 2015 or make comments at the public hearing during the January 29, 2015 GBPW Board meeting at 8:30 am. Comments may be directed to Cherri Tucker, Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, 2 Peachtree St., NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments may be received by the Board via e-mail to ctucker@dch.ga.gov or by calling (404) 232-7972.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on October 23, 2014 and intends to adopt the amended Rules at the January 29, 2015 meeting following any public comment.

Date: December 8, 2014

Signed: _____
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CHAPTER 195-12
PHYSICIANS FOR RURAL AREAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

195-12-.03 Review Process.

(1) **Administrative Review.**
(a) The Board staff shall collect and maintain documentation of the following information from PRAA loan repayment program applicants:
1. Application form.
2. Full disclosure of all outstanding medical education and training debt.
3. Documentation of the county and city/town population where the practice is located.
4. Documentation that the practice will be located in a rural Georgia community which needs additional physicians in the applicant's specialty, as determined by the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce.
5. Copy of the contract between the practice entity and the physician or attestation from the physician documenting full time (40+ hours per week) practice in the rural community where the practice is located.
6. Documentation verifying enrollment in the Georgia Medicaid program.
7. Attestation from the applicant that the applicant does not have any other current service obligations.
(b) The Board staff shall review application materials to ensure eligibility requirements are met and all required documentation has been submitted.
(c) Staff will compile the information and prepare a summary of each applicant for the Board's review.
(2) **Board Review, Criteria for Prioritizing Awards and Approval Process.**
(a) The Board shall receive and act upon all applications for the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program made by eligible and qualified physicians.
(b) The Board may employ such methods of applicant evaluation that it deems proper.
(c) The Board shall not discriminate or evaluate applicants on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.
(d) The Board shall review all documentation submitted by the applicant and by the Board staff to assure that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements for the PRAA program.
(e) The Board shall rank awards based on the following criteria:
1. All applicants shall be rank ordered using criteria established by the Board and approved ~~on the basis of the relative need for physicians by priority of specialty and by geographic area based on the most recent *Physician ProfileReport* or other appropriate report published by the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce and approved~~ at the Annual Meeting of the Board and recorded in the official minutes. All specialties will be considered, but will be ranked lower than the list published by the Board.
2. ~~Following specialty and county need, applicants will be ranked based on practice type, health outcomes ranking, debt, gross salary, other loan repayment, previous awards, and if the applicant lives in the county of practice.~~
(f) The Board shall establish a final ranking of all qualified applicants from highest priority to lowest priority and shall allocate awards based on availability of funds and the final rank order of the applicants.
(g) Action approving the applicant ranking and order of awards shall be made upon

majority vote of the Board members present.
(h) Action on awards shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec 31-34 et seq. **History:** Original Rule entitled "Review Process" adopted. F. Nov. 27, 2012; eff. Dec. 17, 2012. **Amended:** F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.