

BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY



MINUTES of July 30, 2018

The July 30, 2018 meeting of the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy convened at 8:00 A.M. with the following members present:

Brandy Cusson, Chair
Richard Serino
Winslow Whitten
Raymond Hebert

Absent: Todd Bedard
David Hou

The Board voted to approve the minutes from June 27, 2018, as amended, on a motion from Richard Serino with a seconded by Winslow Whitten.

PUBLIC MINUTES
QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

None

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. The Board opened the Public Forum at 1:00 pm. No members of the Public were present. The Board closed the Public Forum at 1:15 pm.
2. Rules:
 - a. The Board voted on a motion from Raymond Hebert with a second by Richard Serino to accept the Conditional Approval Response for Mirt 300. Attorney Robert Lamberti hand delivered the document to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.
 - b. The Board voted on a motion from Raymond Hebert with a second by Winslow Whitten to accept the Conditional Approval Response for and Mirt 500. Attorney Robert Lamberti hand delivered the document to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.
 - c. The Board voted on a motion from Raymond Hebert with a second by Winslow Whitten to adopt Mirt 300 as submitted in the Conditional Approval Response.
 - d. The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Raymond Hebert to adopt Mirt 500 as submitted in the Conditional Approval Response.
 - e. Board will begin rule writing for Mirt 400 at their August meeting.

3. Pamela M. Mazurek expressed concerns that “CT” is not a separate modality and states that “CT is a highly technical modality, higher end radiation exposures, and requires in many cases injection of medication (contrast)....” The Board voted on a motion from Raymond Hebert with a second from Richard Serino to respond to Ms. Mazurek’s as follows: An individual would be licensed under the modality “Radiographer”. Having “CT” as its own modality would take a change in the law. Any individual who is licensed as a “Radiographer” would only be able to perform those duties within specific their scope of practice and be able to provide proof that they have been trained and hold the correct certifications.
4. Aaron J. Beaudin, RT asked the Board “How she would get the Board to grant an exemption for one of my (his) employees that has his Masters in Bio Imaging from Boston University and is Board eligible but has not passed the MRI Boards yet? How do I register him with the Board to receive the exemption as mentioned above?” The Board voted on a motion from Raymond Hebert with a second by Winslow Whitten to respond as follows: The individual as described would fall under RSA 328-J:22 “Grandfather Provision”. This states that they may continue to practice in the modality under medical imaging or radiation therapy in which they are currently employed provided they register with the Board. Registration Procedures will be provided. The Board further wishes to communicate to Mr. Beaudin that the Grandfather Provision will only be in effect until January 1, 2020.
5. Sarah Sachetta, Chief Sonographer at Concord Hospital Radiology asks “I have two sonographers who are working on getting their RDMS but are not there yet. They still go through the Med Tech Licensed Process correct?” The Board voted on a motion from Richard Serino with a second by Winslow Whitten to respond as follows: These individuals will be required to obtain temporary licensure under RSA 328-J:13 as soon as the Board writes the rules addressing this law. For now these individuals should register with the Board. The same information provided to Mr. Beaudin in 3. above will be provided to Ms. Sachetta.
6. Terri Lorandeanu of Dartmouth-Hitchcock asked the Board “If a mammography technologist has taken the ARRT Breast Ultrasound registry and only performs breast ultrasounds no other kind of ultrasound do they need a license?” Ms. Lorandeanu also made reference to information provided at the Public Information session which gave the impression that those individuals who perform Mammography’s do not need to be licensed. The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Raymond Hebert to respond as follows: Because these individuals are doing Breast Ultrasound for diagnostic purposes they would apply for licensure as Sonographers. In addition, the Board has determined that those individuals who perform mammography need to be licensed as Radiographers. The reason for the license requirement is that they fall under the definition of “Medical imaging” as described in RSA 328-J:1, VIII.
7. Deborah Crandell stated that MCPHS University who has clinical affiliates in NH where they are providing students with clinical instruction. Part of her responsibility is to visit the students at those hospitals, observe their scanning and review cases they have previously completed. At times she may give the student a verbal instruction, but not directly scan the patient or use the equipment when the student is scanning. The question is does she need to be licensed? The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Richard Serino to respond that if an individual. is physically performing any component of diagnostic imaging in the clinical environment they would need to be licensed. If an individual is proving instructions verbally or critiquing what the students doing and not participating then they would not be required to be licensed.

8. Darcy LeBlanc from Concord Orthopedics stated that they understand that if the C-arm or equipment is being operated and maneuvered for diagnostic purposes for the physician it must be run by a licensed technologist. Then asked; “if that is correct?” She further asked “If the staff member (non-licensed tech) is being directed by the physician on C-arm placement during a diagnostic procedure does this fall into their scope of practice under the physician’s license?” The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Richard Serino to respond as follows: A non-licensed individual cannot perform C-arm procedures.
9. Kariin LoPilato asked the Board if “This new law requires us to apply for a license because we do Bone Densities?” The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Richard Serino to respond as follows: To perform Diagnostic Bone Density Scan an individual must be license in one of the primary modalities. The Board will be issuing a correction on their web site stating that those individuals doing mammography’s will need to be licensed as Radiographers.
10. Juanita Wade provided the Board with an e-mail outlining her concerns about an individual who has registered as a Medical Technician to now have to license under the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Governing Board and pay an additional \$110. The Board understands Ms. Wade’s concerns but must act within the law as it is written. The Board will keep Ms. Wade’s concerns on file.
11. Cathy Foti asked the Board “As a stand-alone ambulatory surgical center if the surgeons are operating via foot pedals, do nurses or surgical technologists need to be licensed? If RNs need to re-positioning the C-arms for the surgeons, will they be required to be licensed?” The Board voted on a motion from Richard Serino with a second by Winslow Whitten to respond as follows: The Board will provide Ms. Foti with the definition of “Fluoroscopy” as provided by RSA 328-J:1 which means “the exposure of a patient to ionizing radiation in a fluoroscopy mode, including the positions of the patient, positioning of the fluoroscopy equipment, and the selection of exposure factors.” With regard to the RN portion of the question Ms. Foti will be provided with the link to the document titled “Position Statement and Clinical Practice Advisory Regarding the Roll of the RN in Diagnostic Imaging and Ultrasound Use”.
12. The Board reviewed a document titled “Information Correction and Update”. The document will be changed to provide a correction to previous information about the licensure of those performing mammography. Because Mammography is included in the definition of “Medical Imaging” as defined in RSA 328-J:1, XIII those individuals will be required to license under the modality Radiographer. The second part of the document was outlining the Registration Process. Under RSA 328-J:22 Grandfather Provision the registration of those individuals who do not held a current certification and registration for a certification organization approved by the board may continue to practice in the modality of medical imaging or radiation therapy in which they are currently employed provided they provide certain information. This clause is only valid until January 1, 2020. The information will be placed on the Board’s web site.
13. The Board reviewed a document titled “Implementation of Medical Imaging Licensure for Large Facilities: Initial Application Submission”. The Board understands that large facilities will be paying for large numbers of employees to become licensed as licensure is launched. As a compromise, and to facilitate theses submissions in a timely and cost effective manner the Board has outlined a onetime submission plan. The Board voted on a motion from Winslow Whitten with a second by Richard Serino to issue the document as submitted.

14. The Board discussed meeting dates and times. It was determined that the date and time of the meeting would stay as currently scheduled. The Board will however change the August meeting from the 22nd to the 29th keeping the 1:00 pm time.

ADJOURN: on motion by Raymond Hebert with a second by Richard Serino, the motion to adjourn at 10:26 A.M. carried in the affirmative.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina M. Kelley, Administrator.

Brandy Cusson, Chair

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