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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Matthew H. Mead

Office of the Governor

FROM: Kevin Bohnenblust

Wyoming Board of Medicine

DATE: February 2, 2017

RE: Board of Medicine Emergency Rule

Criminal History Check Procedure – Physician Applications

The emergency rule addresses criminal history record checks on physicians. It does the following:

1. Expands the Board's authority to request a criminal history record report on a physician seeking a Letter of Qualification for licensure in other states through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

Reason for Emergency Rule:

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), of which the State of Wyoming is a member, anticipates opening its system to facilitate issuance of physician license in member states within the next 15 to 30 days. For the Board of Medicine to determine a Wyoming physician's qualifications to use the IMLC system to be licensed in other states, it must conduct a criminal history check. Federal and State Division of Criminal Investigation regulations require the Board to have a rule specifically setting forth its procedures for using criminal history check results. This emergency rule will permit the Board to process Wyoming physicians' applications to use the IMLC while a permanent rule making is conducted. The Board believes this emergency rule is non-controversial.

As required by WYO. STAT. ANN. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), these proposed rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.