

Murdo, Patricia

Subject: FW: question on EAIC agenda regarding licensing boards

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To:

Subject: RE: question on EAIC agenda regarding licensing boards

Hi Pat,

Here is a summary of the various comments I received:

- + If possible, consolidate the three boards into one.
- + These boards have created more problems in other states than they have solved, but unsure if that is true in Montana.
- + National licensures in these fields stipulate a lot of the same continuing education requirements and license renewal timelines, so they should be reviewed to see if efficiencies are possible.
- + Should take into consideration that some of these practitioners are not employed by hospitals - e.g., independent imaging centers and labs - and respiratory therapists perform services in hospice, home care, sleep labs, etc.
- + Eliminate the Radiologic Technologists Board because it provides little value for rad techs that is not already provided and required by the national group ARRT; eliminate the Montana license because rad techs must have a national license from AART anyway, and that's about all the Montana license requires (the national license); also eliminate the limited license because this gives less credibility to those who are fully licensed; the Rad Tech Board has allowed those who have had their licenses revoked due to DUI to continue to work under their state license until they are allowed to retake the national license exam.
- + State licensure for the Clinical Laboratory Professionals in Montana is critical and as a result there is a higher level of quality lab testing across the state; there is no national licensing process or requirements, so without state licensure financially stressed organizations could hire unqualified people to perform lab work; 60-70% of all medical decisions are made based on lab data, so patients could suffer without state licensure.

I hope those comments are helpful in the committee's deliberations.

Thank you.

Mike