

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING
BOARD LICENSING PROCEDURES NOTIFYING
ALL NEW APPLICANTS THAT THE BOARD INTENDS TO QUERY THE
NATIONAL PRACTITIONERS DATA BANK AND HEALTHCARE INTEGRITY
AND PROTECTION DATA BANK

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Whereas in *A.R.S. §32-2912(A)3, 4, and 5 Qualifications of applicant; applications* it states that the Board shall grant a license to practice medicine as a homeopathic physician to an applicant who meets ... the following requirements: holds a license in good standing to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine that is issued in Arizona or by another state, district or territory of the United States, and has a professional record which indicates that the applicant has not had a license to practice medicine refused, revoked, suspended or restricted in any way by any state, territory, or district or country for reasons relating to the physician's ability to competently and safely

practice medicine, and has a professional record which indicates the applicant has not committed any act or engaged in any conduct which would constitute grounds for discipline against the applicant under this chapter. Whereas, the Board, in the interest of ensuring an applicant's good standing to practice medicine currently requires a new applicant to contact each state in which he or she was previously or currently licensed and have the state provide, directly to the Board, a verification of the applicant's license status.

Whereas, in the interest of meeting the Board's statutory mandates elaborated in *A.R.S. §32-2912(A) 3, 4, and 5* and ensuring additional protection to the health and safety of the public the Board shall implement a procedure whereby the Board shall query the National Practitioner's Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank to obtain any reported information relative to the applicant.

(Adopted at the Board meeting of January 10, 2006)