

**Florida Board of Medicine
Legislative Proposals
2011 Session**

The Board of Medicine, at their June 2010 Board Meeting, voted to select the following four proposals as the Board of Medicine's top priorities for the 2011 Legislative Session.

1. Expert Witness Testimony – High priority

The Board proposes legislation that would add to the definition of the practice of medicine in Chapter 458, F.S., "rendering of an opinion".

The Board also proposes legislation regarding the registration of expert witnesses.

2. Continuing Medical Education

The Board supports any bill making the statutory requirements for specific CME courses be repealed, and that authority to specify any CME requirements be vested in the Board through rulemaking.

The Board also proposes changing s. 456.031, F.S. to allow the Domestic Violence course to be taken any time during the 3 licensing biennium's.

3. Adverse Incidents Reports

The Board proposes a public records exemption for physician office adverse incident reports to ensure comprehensive reporting of medical errors. Reporting of errors is critical to identify unsafe practices and take corrective action for public safety.

The Board proposes legislative language that would modify the current requirement in the adverse incident reporting statute to limit the number of health care providers required to advise a patient of an incident.

The Board proposes legislative language that would modify the current requirement to report adverse incidents if the incident occurred within 30 days of an office surgical procedure instead of 15.

4. Medical Licensure as amended at August 2009 Board meeting

- Raise the fee cap to \$1,000.
- Clarify the 2/4 year practice requirement
- Clarify graduating from school must include being a student at that location (no Internet schools)
- Update changes in medical school directory to remove WHO and to add IMED or its successor agency

- Add reference to §456.072, F.S. to the end of the statute
- Delete affidavit provision related to limited licenses
- Amend poverty level definition for limited licenses from 100% to 200%
- Delete redundant “community and migrant” language in limited license practice locations
- Add reference to §766.115(3)(2)(e)(2), F.S. regarding volunteer service guidelines
- Delete redundant language regarding where limited licensees may practice
- Include requirement for complying with Chapter 456
- Add language regarding poor evaluations from internships, fellowships, training programs