

Summary of Final Regulations

18 VAC 85-110-10 et seq.

Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists

The Board of Medicine has adopted proposed amendments to 18 VAC 85-110-20-100 and 18 VAC 110-20-130 to conform regulations to Chapter 779 of the 1999 Acts of the Assembly, which eliminated the statutory mandate for a licensed acupuncturist to obtain a referral from a licensed practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or chiropractic prior to performing acupuncture on a patient. Further, the statute deleted the authority of the Board of Medicine to promulgate regulations requiring periodic review by the physician of the diagnosis and treatment progress and for referral and rereferral of patients.

An amendment to 18 VAC 85-20-110 is made to conform regulations to § 54.1-2903 and to incorporate specific language from the statute, which will clarify that a licensed acupuncturist may use the title “doctor” provided he simultaneously uses a clarifying title, initials, abbreviation or designation or language, such as “doctor of oriental medicine”.