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## **ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

### **SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT # 4**

#### **CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GRANT LICENSURE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(5), the Executive Director has the authority to issue licenses to applicants who meet the requirements of the Board's Practice Act. The purpose of this Substantive Policy Statement is to provide clarification regarding potentially adverse information disclosed on applications that the Board has determined would not disqualify an applicant for licensure.

**A.** The executive director may grant a license to an applicant who discloses a single malpractice settlement or judgment after review and with the concurrence of the supervising medical consultant. Prior to granting the application, the executive director shall verify that no other adverse information is identified during the substantive review process.

**B.** The executive director may grant a license to an applicant who discloses three or less malpractice settlements or judgments that occurred more than seven years from the date of the application. The license may be granted after review and with the concurrence of the supervising medical consultant. Prior to granting the application, the executive director shall verify that no other adverse information is identified during the substantive review process.

**C.** The executive director may grant a license to an applicant who discloses a single misdemeanor involving moral turpitude that occurred more than 4 years from the date of the application. Prior to granting the application the executive director shall verify that no other adverse information is identified during the substantive review process.

**D.** The executive director may grant a license to an applicant who discloses a juvenile conviction. Prior to granting the application, the executive director shall verify that no other adverse information is identified during the substantive review process.

**E.** The executive director may grant a license to an applicant who has previously been licensed and performed health care tasks in another jurisdiction and has been absent from the performance of healthcare tasks for a period of time. Prior to granting the application the executive director shall verify that no other adverse information is identified during the substantive review process.

**F.** The executive director shall provide to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting a list of the physician assistants whose applications were granted pursuant to this Substantive Policy Statement since the preceding Board meeting.