

**AGENDA
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
December 11, 2013**

**Telephone Conference Call Meeting
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**WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2013
1:00 pm**

Call to Order: Ronald Burns, DO, Chair
Roll Call: Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director

TELEMEDICINE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING RULES

1. Review of 64B15-14.0081 – Standards for Telepractice

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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1 **64B15-14.0081 Standards for Telemedicine Practice.**

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3 physician assistant where patient care, treatment, or services are provided through the use of
4 medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications.

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6 telephone, email messages, text messages, facsimile transmission, U.S. Mail or other parcel
7 service, or any combination thereof.

8 (2) The standard of care, as defined in s. 456.50(1)(e), F.S., shall remain the same regardless
9 of whether a Florida licensed physician or physician assistant provides health care services in
10 person or by telemedicine.

11 (3) Florida licensed physicians and physician assistants providing health care services by
12 telemedicine are responsible for the quality of the equipment and technology employed and are
13 responsible for their safe use. Telemedicine equipment and technology must be able to provide,
14 at a minimum, the same information to the physician and physician assistant which will enable
15 them to meet or exceed the prevailing standard of care for the practice of medicine.

16 (4) Controlled substances shall not be prescribed through the use of telemedicine.

17 (5) The practice of medicine by telemedicine does not alter any obligation of the physician
18 or the physician assistant regarding patient confidentiality or recordkeeping.

19 (6) A physician-patient relationship may be established through telemedicine.

20 (7) (a) Nothing contained in this rule shall prohibit consultations between physicians or the
21 transmission and review of digital images, pathology specimens, test results, or other medical
22 data by physicians or other qualified providers related to the care of Florida patients.

23 (b) This rule does not apply to emergency medical services provided by emergency
24 physicians, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, and emergency dispatchers.
25 Emergency medical services are those activities or services to prevent or treat a sudden critical
26 illness or injury and to provide emergency medical care and prehospital emergency medical
27 transportation to sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated persons in this state.

28 (c) The provisions of this rule shall not apply where a physician or physician assistant is
29 treating a patient with an emergency medical condition that requires immediate medical care.
30 An emergency medical condition is a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of
31 sufficient severity that the absence of immediate medical attention will result in serious jeopardy
32 to patient health, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of a body organ
33 or part.

34 Rulemaking Authority: 459.015(1)(z), FS.

35 Law Implemented: 459.015(1)(z), FS.

36 History --- New

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34 Rulemaking Authority: 458.331(1)(v), FS.

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36 History --- New