BARIATRIC PRACTICE REGISTRATION/RENEWAL

This is for physicians who are the primary physician /owner/operator or an employee of a Bariatric medical practice and who wish to register or renew.

October 31, 2012, is the effective date of the regulation, Rule 1.6 Bariatric Medicine / Medical Weight Loss Clinics. Physicians whose practice meets the definition of a Bariatric Practice may not operate in Mississippi without the required registration from the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. Administrative Code Part, 2640 Chapter 1: Rules Pertaining to Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing of Medication, Rule 1.6 Bariatric Medicine/Medical Weight Loss Clinics:

A. A Bariatric Medicine/Medical Weight Loss Clinic is defined as a public or privately owned facility for which 30% or more of the patients are provided a comprehensive weight management treatment program. Advertised medical weight loss must include behavior modification, comprehensive nutritional education, exercise or physical therapy intervention, long-term maintenance programs, dispensing and/or prescribing FDA-approved medications as indicated for weight loss on a monthly basis as part of the patient's treatment plan.

The primary physician /owner/operator/employee of a Bariatric Medical Practice must register with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. Certificates, once issued, are not transferable or assignable. Only the primary physician owner is required to register with the Board. Renewals for certificates begin on May 1st. All practitioners/employees associated with the practice in the treatment of Bariatric patients, whether in the capacity as an primary practitioner /owner / practitioner or employee should be listed on the application. Each practice location requires a separate application/certificate. After issuance of a certificate, notify the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in writing of any changes in the information provided in the application for registration of the Bariatric medical practice within (30) thirty days.

If you have any questions, please contact the Investigative Division of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure at: 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B, Jackson, MS 39216. Please do not call for updates as this could delay the process. You may fax to (601) 987-6822, or call (601) 987-0231, please leave a message.

BARIATRIC PRACTICE CHECKLIST

APPENDIX F - BARIATRIC PRACTICE REGISTRATION APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM. Complete the application in its entirety. If any part of the form is not applicable mark with N/A, do not leave blank.

BARIATRIC PRACTICE CERTIFICATE RENEWAL. All certificates expire on June 30 and must be renewed annually. Renewal will begin on May 1st every year.

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. Submit acceptable documents as listed on the form. If the practice has not filed documents with the IRS, other documents may be submitted with a written explanation and notarized signature of practice owner(s) for approval by the Executive Director. Provide documents indicating Company/owner if you are an employee or contract personnel.

TRAINING / CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION. Submit copies of certificates of completion for any Board certification, Residency, Fellowships and CME as listed in the regulation, Part 2640, Chapter 1, Rule 1.6 E.

DEA DOCUMENTATION. Submit a copy of your DEA Registration number and include copies of DEA certificates of all professionals employed or contracted in the bariatric practice.

LICENSURE VERIFICATION. Provide copies of licensure for all health professionals contracted and employed in the Bariatric practice. Additionally, for all Physician Assistants and/or Nurse Practitioners listed in the Bariatric practice, provide a copy of the <u>practice specific</u> protocol executed by all parties. For Physician Assistants, provide a copy of the approved protocol that has been filed with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM. All Physicians and Physician Assistants must register with the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program ("MPMP") as stipulated by Rule 1.3 Registration for Controlled Substances Certificate. Every physician licensed to practice in Mississippi who prescribes, administers or dispenses any controlled substance within Mississippi or who proposes to engage in the prescribing, administering or dispensing of any controlled substance within Mississippi must be registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in compliance with Title 21 CFR Part 1301 Food and Drugs. In addition, that physician must be registered with the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program (MPMP) by December 31, 2013.

To register with the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program follow the Prescription Monitoring Program link on the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure home page.

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Mail documents to:

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