

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

**WAIVER OF INITIAL LICENSING FEES**

**Approved by Board April 12, 2022**

WHEREAS, it is a salutary public policy to maximize the number of qualified osteopathic physicians and physician assistants who can serve Nevada's patients, whether in-person or via telehealth;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to further this salutary public policy by whatever means that may be at the Board's disposal and within the Board's legal authority;

NOW THEREFORE, it shall be the policy of the Board to waive the initial licensing fee for all applicants for permanent licensure in Nevada as either an osteopathic physician or physician assistant subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The waiver shall be only of the application and initial license fee that would be otherwise due under NAC 633.335(1), and so any applicant who would qualify for the waiver shall still be required to pay the fee for the criminal background check under NAC 633.335(2).
- (2) The waiver shall not be available for special licenses or temporary licenses.
- (3) The waiver shall commence for all applications received on or after July 1, 2022.
- (4) The Board's staff shall track the amount of all waived fees and shall report to the Board occasionally how many waivers were issued and how much income was foregone as a result of the waivers.
- (5) The Board shall consider and determine at its April or May meeting of 2023 and 2024 whether to extend or modify this policy. If the Board determines to extend this policy in 2023 and 2024, thereafter the Board shall determine whether to make this policy permanent by seeking an amendment of its regulations to effectuate this policy permanently. This policy will continue in effect throughout the period necessary to complete the amendment to the Board's regulations.