

**Detailed Overview of New BORiM Regulations**

* The Board proposed changes to its chapter of regulations which regulates physician licensure and the practice of medicine in early 2017. The MMS testified in person and in writing to raise extensive concerns. As months and then years passed, the MMS presumed that these proposed regulations were dormant, in large part due to our testimony. The MMS was thus surprised when last month the Board put these regulations onto the agenda just a few days before a July Board meeting and passed 70 pages of amended regulations in a 4-0 vote with no discussion. When MMS was able to review the changes the following week, we were pleased that several of the most concerning proposals that we opposed in 2017 were dropped, but unfortunately several of the changes that were passed in July remain of significant concern.
* The MMS engaged with the Board immediately upon passage of these regulations and was told that many of our concerns would be addressed in a “guidance” document that would be issued alongside the regulations when they went into effect on August 9. Unfortunately, the promised guidance was little more than a summary of the regulations.
* The MMS increased its pressure with the Board and with the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, calling for immediate guidance, and later, for a stay on implementation of the regulations. The MMS was able to secure a phone call with Board leadership and a number of physician executives from across the state, but unfortunately, that phone call did not prove particularly fruitful. The call provided little guidance, many of the questions posed were not answered, and several of the answers provided seemed to imply uncertainty of the intended implementation of the regulations.
* In part because of the Medical Society’s engagement with the Secretary’s office, BORIM has pledged an additional guidance document to address continued questions. The MMS has submitted several rounds of questions to the Board, and has collected questions from members and intuitions for submission to the Board.