This space for use by TRRC Regulatory Analysis 2005 JUN 10 PM 2: 23 Form (1) Agency Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Pharmacy (2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Use) IRRC Number: 2423 16A-5413 (3) Short Title **Deletion of Examination Fees** (5) Agenc Cortacts & Telephone Numbers (4) PA Code Cite Primar autact: Carole L. Clarke, Counsel S & Board of (717) 783-7200 49 Pa. Code § 27.91 Secondary Contact: Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State (717) 783-7200 (6) Type of Rulemaking (check one) (7) Is a 120-Day Emergency Certification Attached? Proposed Rulemaking X Final Order Adopting Regulation X No **Policy Statement** Yes: By the Attorney General Yes: By the Governor (8) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language. The amendment deletes references to the fees for taking the NAPLEX and MPJE licensing examinations from the Board's regulations. The fees are set by the test administrator. (9) State the statutory authority for the regulation and any relevant state or federal court decisions. The amendment is authorized under Sections 6(k)(1) and (9), and 8.2(a) of the Pharmacy Act (act) (63 P.S. §§ 390-6(k)(1) and (9), and 390-8.2(a)) and Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. §279.3a).

(10) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation?	If yes,
cite the specific law, case or regulation, and any deadlines for action.	-

Regulatory Analysis Form

The amendment is not mandated by any federal or state law, court order, or federal regulation.

(11) Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. What is the problem it addresses?

Examination fees are determined by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), which administers the examinations. Eliminating references to the current examination fee in the regulations will obviate the need to amend the regulations in the future should the examination fees be changed.

(12) State the public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.

There are no specific public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.

(13) Describe who will benefit from the regulation. (Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.)

Applicants for licensure will benefit by not having potentially conflicting sources of information relating to examination fees. The Board will benefit because the amendment will eliminate the need to make future adjustments to its regulations should the fees be changed.

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(14) Describe who will be adversely affected by the regulation. (Quantify the adverse effects as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will be adversely affected.)

The Board has identified no groups or individuals who will be adversely affected by the regulation.

(15) List the persons, groups or entities that will be required to comply with the regulation. (Approximate the number of people who will be required to comply.)

All applicants for the NAPLEX and Pennsylvania MPJE exams are required to pay the fee set by the testing organization. This amendment does not affect the fee charged by the professional testing organization.

(16) Describe the communications with and input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the persons and/or groups who were involved, if applicable.

A notice of the proposed rulemaking was published at 34 Pa.B. 4901 (September 4, 2004) and was submitted to the House Professional Licensure Committee and the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee as well as IRRC. The Board received no comments from members of the public. The House Professional Licensure Committee voted to take no action on the proposed regulation. IRRC did no have any objections, comments, or recommendations. The Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee did not comment on the proposed regulation.

(17) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the regulated community associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

No specific costs or savings to the regulated community are anticipated. However, the general operational costs of the Board may be reduced by eliminating the need to make future amendments to the Board's regulations.

Regulatory Analysis Form
(18) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to local governments associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.
There are no anticipated costs or savings to local government associated with this regulation.
The amendment imposes no costs or savings on local government.
(19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to state government associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required.
Implementation of the amendment imposes no costs on State government. The Board will achieve some savings by not having to promulgate proposed and final rulemaking each time a test administrator changes its fees.

Regulatory Analysis Form

(20) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

	Current FY Year	FY +1 Year	FY +2 Year	FY +3 Year	FY +4 Year	FY +5 Year
SAVINGS:	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Regulated Community						
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State Government						
Total Savings						
COSTS:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Local Government						
State Government						
Total Costs						
REVENUE LOSSES:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulated Community						
Local Government						
State Government						
Total Revenue Losses						

(20a) Explain how the cost estimates listed above were derived.

N/A

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(20b) Provide the p	past three year expe	nditure history for pro	ograms affected by the	e regulation.
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(24) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulation.

There are no federal standards relevant to the regulation.

(25) How does this regulation compare with those of other states? Will the regulation put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states?

A survey of neighboring states was taken. New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and West Virginia set examination fees by regulation. Ohio and Delaware do not set examination fees by either their statute or regulation. This amendment will not put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states because it is simply removing outdated provisions from the Board's regulations.

(26) Will the regulation affect existing or proposed regulations of the promulgating agency or other state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.

The regulation will not affect any existing or proposed regulations of the Board or other state agencies.

(27) Will any public hearings or informational meetings be scheduled? Please provide the dates, times, and locations, if available.

The Board reviews its regulatory proposals at regularly scheduled public meetings. The Board meets every month at 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg and the meeting schedule can be obtained from the Department of State's website at www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa.

Regulatory Analysis Form
(28) Will the regulation change existing reporting, record keeping, or other paperwork requirements?
Describe the changes and attach copies of forms or reports which will be required as a result of
implementation, if available.

The amendment will not change any existing reporting, record keeping or other paperwork requirements.

(29) Please list any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, elderly, small businesses, and farmers.

The Board has identified no particular groups or persons with special needs who will be affected by the amendment.

(30) What is the anticipated effective date of the regulation; the date by which compliance with the regulation will be required; and the date by which any required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained?

The regulation will be effective upon publication as an Order of Final Rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Compliance will be required as of that date.

(31) Provide the schedule for continual review of the regulation.

The Board continuously reviews its regulations, periodically communicates with licensees through newsletters and obtains information and feedback from its licensees on a frequent basis.

[] Check if applicable Copy not approved. Objections attached. [] Check if applicable. No Attorney General approval or objection within 30 day after submission.

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FINAL RULEMAKING . COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY 49 PA. CODE, CHAPTER 27 Deletion of Exam Fees

The State Board of Pharmacy (Board) amends § 27.91 (relating to schedule of fees) to read as set forth in Annex A.

A. Effective Date

The amendment takes effect upon publication of the final-form rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

B. Statutory Authority

The amendment is authorized under sections 6(k)(1) and (9) and 8.2(a) of the Pharmacy Act (act)(63 P.S. §§ 390-6(k)(1) and (9) and 390-8.2(a)) and section 812.1 of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 277.3a).

C. Background and Purpose

The amendment to §27.91 (relating to schedule of fees) deletes references to the fees for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). The administrators of the examinations, not the Board, set these fees. To avoid the necessity of amending the regulations whenever the examination administrator changes the fees, the Board proposes to delete references to the fees.

D. Summary of Comments and Responses on Proposed Rulemaking

Notice of the proposed rulemaking was published at 34 Pa.B. 4901 (September 4, 2004). Publication was followed by a 30-day public comment period during which the Board received no public comments. The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) had no objections, comments or recommendations to offer on this final-form rulemaking. The House Professional Licensure Committee (HPLC) and the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee (SCP/PLC) did not comment.

E. Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

The amendment will have no fiscal impact on the Board or its licensees. The amendment should have no fiscal impact on the private sector, the general public or political subdivisions. The final rulemaking will avoid preparation of new regulations each time that an examination fee is changed and will not create additional paperwork for the private sector.

F. Sunset Date

The Board continuously monitors its regulations. Therefore, no sunset date has been assigned.

G. Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(a)), the Board submitted copies of the notice of proposed rulemaking, published at 34 Pa.B. 4901, on September 4, 2004, to IRRC and the Chairpersons of the SCP/PLC and the HPLC for review and comment. The Board did not receive any comments from IRRC, the SCP/PLC and the HPLC or the public.

Under section 5.1(j	.2) of the Regulator	Review Act (71 P.S. §	745.5a(j.2)), this final-form
regulation was approved	by the HPLC on _	, 2005, and	deemed approved by the
SCP/PLC on	, 2005. Under sect	ion 5.1(g) of the Regul	atory Review Act (71 P.S.
§745.5a(g)), this final-form	n rulemaking was de	emed approved by IRRC	on ,2005.

H. Contact Person

Further information may be obtained by contacting Melanie Zimmerman, Executive Secretary, State Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649, (717) 783-3402, www.dos.state.pa.us.

I. Findings

The Board finds that:

- (1) Public notice of intention to adopt these amendments has been given under sections 201 and 202 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L. 769, No. 240) (45 P.S. §§ 1201 and 1202) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 1 Pa. Code §§ 7.1 and 7.2.
- (2) A public comment period was provided as required by law and no comments were received.
- (3) This final-form rulemaking is necessary and appropriate for administering and enforcing the authorizing acts identified in Part B of this Preamble.

J. Order

The State Board of Pharmacy, acting under its authorizing statutes, orders that:

- (a) The regulations of the Board, 49 Pa. Code Chapter 27, are amended by amending \S 27.91 to read as set forth in Annex A.
- (b) The Board shall submit this order and Annex A to the Office of General Counsel and to the Office of Attorney General as required by law.
- (c) The Board shall certify this order and Annex A and deposit them with the Legislative Reference Bureau as required by law.
 - (d) This order shall take effect on publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Michael J. Romano Chairman, State Board of Pharmacy

Annex A

TITLE 49. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Subpart A. PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 27. STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

FEES

§ 27.91. Schedule of fees.

An applicant for a license, certificate, permit or service shall pay the following fees at the time of application:

* * *

[North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)	\$250
Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)	. \$85]

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(relating to licensure by endorsement) and retain documentation of the submission of the CGFNS application to provide to the Board upon request.

- (iv) If the applicant is required to take the licensure examination, submit the licensure examination registration form and fee required to the professional testing organization and retain documentation of the submission of the application to take the examination to provide to the Board upon request.
- (4) An individual who has been granted a temporary practice permit for a currently-licensed practical nurse shall ensure that all documentation in support of the application for licensure is received by the Board at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the temporary practice permit. An individual whose supporting documentation has not been received by the Board at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the temporary practice permit shall submit, within 10 days of receiving notice of the deficiency from the Board, a detailed written explanation of why the supporting documentation has not been supplied to the Board in a timely manner.
- (5) An individual who has been granted a temporary practice permit for a currently-licensed practical nurse and who has complied with paragraphs (2)—(4) may request an extension of the temporary practice permit because of illness or extreme hardship by:
- (i) Submitting a temporary practice permit extension application on a form provided by the Board.
 - (ii) Remitting the fee specified in § 21.5.
- (iii) Submitting a written, detailed explanation of the reasons the extension is requested. If requesting an extension due to illness, the applicant shall provide certification of the illness from the applicant's treating physician.
- (iv) Providing proof of the timely request for verification of licensure referenced in paragraph (3)(i).
- (6) The request for temporary practice permit extension must be submitted to the Board at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the temporary practice permit.
- (7) The Board will not grant an extension to an individual who fails to meet the requirements of paragraphs (2)—(5).

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 04-1636. Filed for public inspection September 3, 2004, 9:00 a.m.]

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

[49 PA. CODE CH. 27] Examination Fees

The State Board of Pharmacy (Board) proposes to amend § 27.91 (relating to schedule of fees) to read as set forth in Annex A.

Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking will be effective upon publication of the final-form rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Statutory Authority

This proposed rulemaking is authorized under sections 6(k)(1) and (9) and 8.2(a) of the Pharmacy Act (act) $(63 \text{ P. S. } \S \S 390\text{-}6(k)(1)$ and (9) and 390-8.2(a)) and section 812.1 of The Administrative Code of 1929 $(71 \text{ P. S. } \S 279.3a)$.

Background and Purpose

The proposed amendment to § 27.91 deletes references to the fees for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). These fees are set by the administrators of the examinations, not by the Board. To avoid the necessity of amending the regulation whenever the examination administrator changes the fees, the Board proposes to delete references to the fees.

Description of Proposed Rulemaking

The Board proposes to amend \S 27.91 to delete references to the fees for the NAPLEX and the MPJE examinations. The fees are set by the test administrators.

Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed rulemaking will have no fiscal impact on the Board or its licensees. The proposed rulemaking should have no fiscal impact on the private sector, the general public or political subdivisions. The proposed rulemaking will avoid preparation of new regulations each time an examination fee is changed and should not create additional paperwork for the private sector.

Sunset Date

The Board reviews the effectiveness of its regulations on an ongoing basis. Therefore, no sunset date has been assigned.

Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P. S. § 745.5(a)), on August 23, 2004, the Board submitted a copy of this proposed rulemaking and a copy of a Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the House Professional Licensure Committee. A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

Under section 5(g) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC may convey any comments, recommendations or objections to the proposed rulemaking within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. The comments, recommendations or objections must specify the regulatory review criteria which have not been met. The Regulatory Review Act specifies detailed procedures for review, prior to final publication of the rulemaking, by the Board, the General Assembly and the Governor of comments, recommendations or objections raised.

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions or objections regarding this proposed rulemaking to Carole Clarke, Counsel, State Board of Pharmacy, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 within 30 days following publication of this proposed rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

MICHAEL J. ROMANO, R.Ph., Chairperson

Fiscal Note: 16A-5413. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 49. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS

PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Subpart A. PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 27. STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FEES

§ 27.91. Schedule of fees.

An applicant for a license, certificate, permit or service shall pay the following fees at the time of application:

[North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) \$250

Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) \$85]

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 04-1637. Filed for public inspection September 3, 2004, 9:00 a.m.]

STATE BOARD OF PODIARTY

[49 PA. CODE CH. 29]
Professional Liability Insurance

The State Board of Podiatry (Board) proposes to amend §§ 29.51—29.54 to read as set forth in Annex A.

Effective Date

The proposed rulemaking will be effective upon publication of final-form rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Statutory Authority

This rulemaking is proposed under section 15 of the Podiatry Practice Act (63 P. S. § 42.15) and the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act (40 P. S. §§ 1303.101—1303.910).

Background and Purpose

The Health Care Services Malpractice Act (40 P.S. §§ 1303.101—1303.901), in particular provisions that relate to requirements for the maintenance of professional liability insurance by podiatrists, have been repealed and replaced by the MCARE Act. This proposed rulemaking would amend the current regulations by eliminating references to the Health Care Services Malpractice Act and replacing them with references to the MCARE Act.

Description of Proposed Rulemaking

Section 303 of the MCARE Act (40 P. S. § 1303.303) lists "podiatrist" as a health care provider. Section 702 of the MCARE Act (40 P. S. § 1303.702) defines "participating health care provider" as "[a] health care provider as defined in section 103 that conducts more than 20% of its health care business or practice within this Commonwealth." In compliance with these provisions of the MCARE Act, § 29.51 (relating to applicants) would be amended to require an applicant for licensure to inform

the Board as to what percentage of the applicant's practice is conducted in this Commonwealth.

Section 29.52 (relating to requirements for applicants) would be amended to require applicants for licensure or licensees applying for biennial renewal, who practice in this Commonwealth, to furnish satisfactory proof to the Board that they are complying with the MCARE Act. The proposed rulemaking would also delete references to amounts of liability insurance that were required by the repealed Health Care Services Malpractice Act.

Section 29.53 (relating to original license) would require podiatrists applying for original licensure to furnish the Board with proof of professional liability insurance.

Section 29.54 (relating to penalty) would provide the podiatrist with notice that failure to comply with the MCARE Act may result in a suspension or revocation of the podiatrist's license after a formal hearing before the Board.

Fiscal Impact and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed rulemaking should have no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions. Likewise, the proposed rulemaking should not necessitate any legal, accounting, reporting or other paperwork requirements.

Sunset Date

The Board continuously monitors the effectiveness of its regulations. Therefore, no sunset date has been assigned.

Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P. S. § 745.5(a)), on August 23, 2004, the Board submitted a copy of this proposed rulemaking and a copy of a Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the House Professional Licensure Committee. A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

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Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, recommendations or objections regarding this proposed rulemaking to Roberta L. Silver, Counsel, State Board of Podiatry, 2601 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 within 30 days of publication of this proposed rulemaking in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

JEFFREY S. GERLAND, D.P.M., Chairperson

Fiscal Note: 16A-447. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Post Office Box 2649 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649 (717) 783-7156

June 10, 2005

The Honorable John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 14th Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re:

Final Regulation

State Board of Pharmacy

16A-5413: Deletion of Exam Fees

Dear Chairman McGinley:

Enclosed is a copy of a final rulemaking package of the State Board of Pharmacy pertaining to deletion of exam fees.

The Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Commission may require during the course of its review of the rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Romano, R.Ph., Chairperson

State Board of Pharmacy

MJR/CLC:sb Enclosure

cc:

Albert H. Masland, Chief Counsel

Department of State

Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel

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