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TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY
FROM: Carmen A. Catizone, Executive Director/Secretary
DATE: January 7, 2015
RE: Implementation of MPJE Program Updates

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy[®] (NABP[®]) would like to notify the boards of pharmacy regarding the implementation of the updates to the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination[®] (MPJE[®]). Beginning April 15, 2016, the MPJE will be assembled under the new competency statements, and the number of examination items, the maximum time allowed for the examination, and the registration fee will increase. The timeline for implementing these changes is outlined below along with details on how the information will be communicated to candidates taking the MPJE in 2016.

Registration Deadlines

Registration for the current MPJE will remain open through April 3, 2016. Candidates must complete their registration with NABP for the current MPJE by April 3, 2016. These candidates must obtain eligibility from the board, receive an authorization to test (ATT), schedule with Pearson VUE, and sit for the exam on or before April 10, 2016.

If a candidate registers for the MPJE by April 3, but does not take the exam on or before April 10, 2016, their registration will be canceled and their fee of \$210 will be refunded. The candidate will then need to register for the updated exam on or after April 12, 2016. The board will need to grant eligibility to test for candidates completing a new registration. Candidates who schedule resits but do not take the exam by April 10, 2016, will receive a refund of the \$90 resit fee, and they must then register for the updated MPJE and pay the \$250 registration fee. No refunds will be issued for change of jurisdiction.

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New Graduates

Candidates who will not meet graduation requirements in time to complete the registration, eligibility, and scheduling steps outlined above are advised by NABP to wait to register until registration opens for the updated MPJE.

Registration for the updated MPJE opens April 12, 2016. The fee will be \$250. The updated MPJE will be administered beginning April 15, 2016. The number of examination items will increase from 90 (75 scored and 15 pre-test) to 120 (100 scored and 20 pre-test) and the maximum testing time will increase from two hours to two and a half hours.

A new passing standard for the MPJE will be implemented on April 15, 2016; however, the scaled score required to pass will remain at 75. It is typical to see variations in the pass rates after a new standard is in place.

Detailed information on the above changes is included in the 2016 *NAPLEX/MPJE Candidate Registration Bulletin* which will be available tomorrow on the NABP website.

Communication to Candidates

In addition to the information provided in the *Bulletin*, candidates will be informed of the upcoming MPJE changes through additional communications. Messaging in the online registration system now informs students about the upcoming changes and registration deadlines for the current MPJE. The messaging directs them to the *Bulletin* for details.

This week, deans of schools and colleges of pharmacy will be sent via email a PDF flyer that they may distribute and post to alert students of the upcoming MPJE changes. Deans will be encouraged to tell students graduating after April 3, 2016, to wait to register for the updated MPJE.

In addition, beginning in January, candidates who have open MPJE registrations will be notified of the deadlines via email. Prior to refunds being issued to candidates not completing the exam by April 10, a reminder message regarding the refund process and the need to grant eligibility for new MPJE registrations will be sent to the boards.

Additional details about the changes to the MPJE were included in the memo sent October 8, 2015, and will also be included in the February 2016 *NABP Newsletter*.

If there are any questions regarding the MPJE updates or the implementation process, please contact Maria Incrocci, competency assessment senior manager, at mincrocci@nabp.net or 847/391-4406.

cc: NABP Executive Committee