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Department of Justice Attn: Civil Division- Occupational Licensing Review Program olrp@ag.louisiana.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 49:260, please accept this letter as a submission of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiner's proposed Office-Based Surgery regulations for review by the Louisiana Department of Justice as part of the Occupational Licensing Review Program.

The Board's authority arises from La. R.S. 49:952 *et seq.* of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act and from R.S. 37:1270 of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act. The Board proposes to amend its rules governing Office-Based Surgery. The proposed amendments revise definitions, increase physician reporting requirements, clarify conditions necessary to perform office-based surgery, enact regulations for Level I, II, and III office-based surgeries, and correct typographical errors.

To aid your review, the following documents are attached:

- ➤ Notice of Intent and full text of the proposed rule published in the December 2024 *Louisiana Register*, 50 LR1906;
- > Approved fiscal and economic impact statement;
- ➤ Underline/strikethrough version of the proposed occupational regulation; and
- ➤ Completed Rule Submission Form.

Please note that we did not receive any public comments by email, fax, US Mail or other carrier, and no one requested a public hearing to give testimony or comment on the proposed amendments. Due to the lack of public comments, no changes were necessary to the proposed amendments.

If you have any questions about the enclosed information or our procedures, please contact me:

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Sincerely,

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