## **POLICY STATEMENT**

## BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## POLICY ON APPLICATION FOR LICENSE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF RESIDENCY

The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners recognizes that potential applicants for licensure as a doctor or podiatric medicine (DPM) in Tennessee can suffer a delay between their eligibility to receive their licensure and their actual receipt of that licensure if they wait until the completion of their residency programs to apply for licensure. As such, has adopted the following policy to notify prospective applicants that they may initiate their application process prior to completion of their residency program.

1. An applicant who has completed all but six (6) or fewer months of the residency program required by this rule may apply for licensure if all other requirements of this rule are met and the director of the residency program submits a letter attesting to the applicant's satisfactory performance in and anticipated successful completion of the residency program. However, no license shall be issued until evidence of the completion of the residency program is received by the Board's administrative office.

RATIFIED BY A QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS ON FEBRUARY 7, 2020.