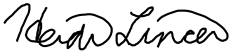




MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 20, 2021
TO	Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer California State Board of Pharmacy
FROM	 Heidi Lincer, Ph.D., Chief Office of Professional Examination Services
SUBJECT	NAPLEX and CPJE Review Project Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide the California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) with an update regarding the status of the review of the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE). The scope of the review is documented in intra-agency contract agreement (IAC) 76707.

The Board requested that DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) complete a comprehensive review of the NAPLEX, which is developed and administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the CPJE, which is developed by the Board in collaboration with its testing consultant, PSI. The purpose of the OPES review is to evaluate the suitability of using the NAPLEX and the CPJE for licensure of pharmacists in California. Licensing boards and bureaus within DCA are required to ensure that examination programs used in the California licensure process comply with psychometric and legal standards.

In January 2021, OPES obtained final information from the Board and from NABP related to the NAPLEX and the CPJE. OPES has reviewed the information and is in the process of finalizing the report of findings. OPES will submit the final report to the Board on or before February 28, 2021, in accordance with the target date agreed to by the Board and OPES and indicated on the intra-agency project plan.

If you have questions about the information contained in this memo, I can be reached at heidi.lincer@dca.ca.gov.

cc: Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Chief, Division of Programs and Policy Review