



## 2019 Legislative Session

### Visiting Team Physicians – Temporary Licensure

#### Problem

Sports team physicians visiting our state - whether they are playing Mayfield in Las Cruces, the Lobos at the Pit, or Isotopes on ground zero - run the risk of unintentionally violating New Mexico law. Technically, visiting team physicians cannot treat their own players without a NM medical license.

#### Proposal

New Mexico Medical Society asks the Medical Practice Act and Osteopathic Medicine Act to be amended to allow visiting team physicians a temporary licensure exemption. The exemption is limited to the duration of the sporting event.

The physician must be licensed in another state, be in good standing, and have a written agreement with the out-of-state team to provide care to the team members and staff traveling with the team.

A physician enjoying this temporary exemption is limited to providing medical care to assist injured players and coordinate appropriate referral to in-state health care providers and shall not practice medicine in the state outside of the sporting event.

The visiting physician shall have liability coverage for the duration of the sporting event. The visiting team shall report any potential license violations or negligence to the appropriate licensing board, which will have oversight and authority for investigation and discipline.

NMMS supports this proposal as a direct, safe, and fair solution to allow physicians accompanying teams and athletic events to treat their team players and staff while visiting New Mexico without running the risk of violating state law.

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