

~~(G) THE BOARD SHALL:~~

~~(1) PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PHYSICIAN REHABILITATION; OR~~

~~(2) ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES FOR PHYSICIAN REHABILITATION.~~

(G) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PHYSICIANS OR OTHER ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD TO RECEIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(2) IF THE BOARD DOES NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR IS NOT ABLE TO CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE DIRECTLY REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PHYSICIANS.

[(g)] (H) (1) To facilitate the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary matters and the mediation of fee disputes coming before it, the Board may[:

(i) Contract] CONTRACT with [the Faculty, its committees, and the component medical societies] AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES for the purchase of investigatory, mediation, and related services[; and

(ii) Contract with others for the purchase of investigatory, mediation, and related services and make these services available to the Faculty, its committees, and the component medical societies].

(2) Services that may be contracted for under this subsection include the services of:

(i) Investigators;

(ii) Attorneys;

(iii) Accountants;

(iv) Expert witnesses;

(v) Consultants; and