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Subject: To request approval by the State Board of Health of the following proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure

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Authority: PROMULGATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARKANSAS CODE §17-106-101, et seq.

#### DETAILED SUMMARY

Page 2 17 CAR § 49-102. Definition (9) Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist

Adds the definition of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist.

This new definition was recommended by the Cardiovascular Credentialing International organization.

The addition of Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist expands employment opportunities among the limited scope license types.

Page 4 17 CAR § 49-102. Definition (19) International Board of Heart Rhythm  
Examiners.

Adds the definition of the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE).

This is an additional credentialing organization similar to the Cardiovascular Credentialing International.

Page 4 17 CAR § 49-102. Definition (19) Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist

Adds the definition of the Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist.

This new definition was recommended by the Cardiovascular Credentialing International organization.

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The Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist renames and better defines and describes the Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) limited scope license type currently in Rules.

- Page 4      17 CAR § 49-102. Definition (22) Joint Review Committee for Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- Removes the definition of Joint Review Committee for Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- The JRCERT acronym is not used within the Rules.
- Pages 7-8      17 CAR § 49-102. Definition (45) “RCIS”
- Removes the definition of the Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) pursuant to the renaming references on page 4 of the Rules.
- See Page 4 definition (19) for Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist.
- Page 12      17 CAR § 49-105. License required (d)(1) for Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist
- Removes the RCIS license reference and is replaced with Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist.
- Individual licensure requirements remain the same as for the RCIS license.
- Page 12      17 CAR § 49-105. License required (e)(1) Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist
- Adds the Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist limited scope license requirements to address this professional specialist type, detailing the amendments on page 2 of the Rules.
- Requirements are also outlined in the Rule.
- Page 19      17 CAR § 49-113. Qualifications for Examinations. Accepted examinations (a)(1)
- Expands the examination options for candidates by adding the IBHRE examinations to the accepted examinations for licensure.
- The Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee (MIRLC) unanimously voted to add the IBHRE examination.
- Page 19      17 CAR § 49-113. Qualifications for Examinations. Accepted examinations (a)(2)
- Replaces RCIS with Cardiovascular Specialist and adds Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist. See explanation regarding page 4 of the Rules.

Page 25-26 17 CAR § 49-120 “Earn and Learn’ under Acts 2021, No. 811 (c) applicant documentation has been amended to comport with updates in the law pursuant to Act 695 of 2025.

Removes previous language addressing federal guidelines.

NOTE: Additional Items have been marked through for clean-up.