

**Chapter 202: MEDICAL BOARD**

**SUMMARY:** This Chapter provides standards for establishing the Medical Board of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (“MainePERS”) and for obtaining medical consultations from the Medical Board or other medical providers.

**SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD**

1. The MainePERS Board of Trustees shall designate a Medical Board to provide advice, recommendations, assistance, and consultations to the MainePERS Executive Director or designee in accordance with Maine statutes. The Board may designate an entity that employs medical providers who constitute the membership of the Medical Board.
2. The Medical Board shall include medical providers from those fields of medicine within which MainePERS receives the greatest number of applications for disability retirement.

**SECTION 2. CONSULTATIONS**

1. The Executive Director or designee shall obtain medical consultation from the Medical Board on each application for disability retirement unless the Medical Board notifies the Executive Director or designee that it lacks a medical provider qualified to review the case by specialty or experience and to whom the applicant is not known.
2. In the event that the Medical Board provides notification under subsection 1, the Executive Director or designee may obtain medical consultation from any medical provider qualified to review the case by specialty or experience and to whom the applicant is not known.
3. The Executive Director or designee may obtain additional medical consultations, independent medical examinations, advice, and recommendations in accordance with Maine statute.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

5 M.R.S. §§17103(4); 17106; 17902(1)(A); 18525(1)(A).

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