

## Rule Changes Effective July 17, 2024

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### RULE CHANGES ADOPTED

#### CHAPTER 165. MEDICAL RECORDS

New **§165.7**, titled Definitions, describes the specific definitions and their sources for certain terms used in the new rules.

New **§165.8**, titled Abortion Ban Exception Performance and Documentation, explains that physicians must comply with all applicable laws, rules, and court opinions related to abortion in Texas. The rule also provides the minimum required information that must be included in the patient's medical record. The rule additionally makes clear that imminence of the threat to life or impairment of a major bodily function is not required to perform an abortion.

New **§165.9**, titled Complaints Regarding Abortions Performed, explains the procedures that the Board will utilize in the event a complaint is received. The rule also explains the limitation of any Board decision and that possible criminal or civil action under the law is separate and independent of any Board decision.