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CAATE Announces Temporary Change to BOC Pass Rate Accreditation Action Algorithm

The Commission has listened to and heard the concerns expressed by stakeholders surrounding the unpreventable cancellation and subsequent rescheduling of the March/April 2020 BOC exam due to COVID-19. The Commission acknowledges this unprecedented situation, the stress and anxiety this may have caused students and the apparent negative impact it may have had on some students' exam performance.

The Commission assembled a task force to evaluate the 2019-2020 exam data, benchmark with peer health care accreditors, review CHEA and DOE guidance regarding programmatic outcomes, and provided a recommendation to the Board regarding how to best respond to stakeholder concerns. During the Commission's November Board meeting, the following decision was made regarding the 2019-2020 BOC exam performance.

The Commission approved a temporary change to our accreditation action algorithm for pass rate non-compliance due to the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on exam performance during the 2019-2020 exam year. Accreditation actions regarding non-compliance with our pass rate standards are taken during the February meeting of the Board of Commissioners. This accreditation action algorithm only applies to Standard 11 of the 2012 Professional Standards and Standard 6 of the 2020 Professional Standards.

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This decision is not an indication that the Commission will be making a change to the pass rate Standards. This decision was reached after careful deliberation to appropriately acknowledge the challenges faced by athletic training students due to the changes in exam availability due to COVID-19 posed to athletic training students. Given the unprecedented nature of the global pandemic, the Commission does not foresee future

exam cancellations such as those experienced in 2020. **Therefore, it is our intent to return to our historical accreditation actions in 2022 for programs that are non-compliant with the pass rates standard.**

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