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SUBJECT: License Surrenders	POLICY # E-96-1	DATE ADOPTED: 04/26/96
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DISTRIBUTE TO: Enforcement Staff/ Board Members	APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Policy:

License surrenders should include, but not be limited to, cases where the hearing would be too long and costly for the Board, witness credibility is problematic, or where the licensee is retiring from the profession. License surrenders are not the preferential settlement in standard cases, but may be the most appropriate resolution in some.

License surrenders should be considered to be a disciplinary action and part of the respondent's license history with the Board. Once a surrender is adopted by the Board, the respondent may not petition for reinstatement of the surrendered license. Should the respondent at any time after the surrender ever reapply to the Board for licensure, all current requirements for licensure would need to be met, including but not limited to, filing a current application, meeting all current educational requirements, and taking and passing any and all written and oral examinations required of new applicants. If the respondent should ever reapply for licensure or registration to the Board, all charges contained in the accusation would be deemed admitted for the purpose of any statement of issues or other proceeding seeking to deny such application or reapplication.

Background:

The Board recognizes that when considering license surrenders, they should focus their attention on the licensee's practice of mental health and the Board's responsibility to protect consumers. The consequences and scope of the license surrender should be considered and the terms of the license surrender should be set forth in writing. Admissions made in the surrender should be made solely for the purpose of resolving the charges pending in the accusation.

Implementation: Effective Immediately

Attachment: None