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Subject: Update on the Implementation of Voluntary Demographic Survey for Candidates Taking Board Developed Exams

At the previous meeting in October 2023, the committee discussed the implementation of a voluntary demographic survey for candidates who are taking a Board developed examination. This data will be used by DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to perform a differential item functioning (DIF) analysis of Board examinations.

Board staff have had initial meetings with DCA's BreEZe team to determine if this survey could be added to the BreEze system as a transaction that an examination candidate could complete online. It was determined that the best approach would be to replicate the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) renewal survey process. Currently, when a Board registrant or licensee is completing an online renewal, they are redirected to the HCAI survey. The survey response data is relayed to and utilized by HCAI.

Board staff is in communication with DCA's Office of Information Services (OIS) and will be meeting to explore this option further.