ORDER DISSOLVING NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD ORDER POSTPONING
USMLE STEP 2 AND COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR A RESIDENT TRAINING LICENSE

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”), as a result of
the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, issued an Order postponing the requirements of Board rule 21
NCAC 32B .1402 for certain applicants applying for a Resident Training License (“RTL”) to the
extent that the requirement to take and pass both parts of the United States Medical Licensing
Examination (“USMLE”) Step 2 (Clinical Skills “CS” and Clinical Knowledge “CK”) and the
Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (“COMLEX-USA”) Level 2 (Cognitive
Evaluation “CE” and Performance Evaluation “PE”) be postponed until such time as it was
dehemed reasonable to discontinue the postponement (“March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX
Postponement Order”); and

WHEREAS, the USMLE Step 2 CS examination has been discontinued; and

WHEREAS, the Board voted in March 2021 to eliminate the licensure requirement
pertaining to COMLEX-USA Level 2 PE; and

WHEREAS, the Board has learned that applicants are no longer having difficulty taking the
USMLE Step 2 CK examination or the COMLEX-USA Level 2 CE examination because of the
unavailability of testing centers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Board to take this action; and

WHEREAS, the Board voted to dissolve the March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX
Postponement Order at its July 2021 meeting with an effective dissolution date of August 31,
2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that:

The March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX Postponement Order is hereby DISSOLVED
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2021. All persons who apply for licensure on September 1, 2021,
and thereafter must meet and fulfill all licensure requirements related to the USMLE Step
2 CK and COMLEX Level 2 CE examinations.

This the 16th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

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President