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Office of the Auditor General  
Debbie Davenport  
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Dear Ms. Davenport:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the Auditor General's recommendations issued in its most recent report. The Arizona Medical Board would like to thank the Auditor and investigators for their diligence and professionalism over the course of this project as the Board has worked to improve its processes. The Board agrees with the findings of the Auditor General. Each recommendation is specifically addressed as follows:

**Finding 1: The Board should conduct a risk-based review of initial MD licenses it issued between February 6, 2014 and June 16, 2014, based on deficiencies the vendor identifies and/or the Board identifies as it reviews the vendor's work.**

*The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.*

Board staff will conduct a risk-based review of initial licenses issued between February 6, 2014 and June 16, 2014 within the next 6 months.

**Finding 2: The Board should continue to follow its improved licensing and registration policies and procedures.**

*The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.*

**Finding 3: The Board should continue to use its revised MD license renewal form at least through October 31, 2015 to ensure it obtains the requirement information and/or attestations for the MD licenses it may have inappropriately renewed.**

*The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.*

**Finding 4: The Board should continue to use its revised *locum tenens* registration application to help ensure it issues these registrations only to qualified applicants.**

*The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.*

The Board appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Auditor's Report.

Respectfully,

Patricia E. McSorley  
Executive Director