

### **Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Section 60.2(d)**

*A clinical clerkship may be performed only in a clinical subject or subjects in which the teaching hospital has a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, or an equivalent accrediting agency acceptable to the department, or which is part of such a program through affiliation(s) approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, or an equivalent agency acceptable to the department. The requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to students who were engaged in clinical clerkships in this State prior to May 1, 1981. To engage in a clerkship which, in the aggregate of all clerkship experience during two academic years, will not exceed 12 weeks, the student shall present a letter of eligibility **if** issued by the department.*

NYSED has long had a policy of requiring students coming to NYS for fewer than 12 weeks to apply for and be granted a letter of eligibility, demonstrating that they meet the minimal requirements for such clerkships. The highlighted word “if” has recently come into question. Does this term make the letter of eligibility optional? Staff at the Department are considering proposing a simple regulatory change which would omit that “if.”