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**Texas State Plumbing Board Adopts ASSE Professional
Qualifications Standard for Medical Gas Systems Personnel**

Austin, Texas (July 24, 2023) — The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) has adopted a rule recognizing ASSE 6010, a professional qualifications standard for medical gas systems personnel. This decision expands qualification opportunities for medical gas piping installation and ensures the highest standards are upheld for the safety of healthcare facilities and patients. This rule will go into effect July 26.

The ASSE 6010 standard establishes uniform and comprehensive minimum requirements for medical gas installers, based on the trusted guidelines of NFPA 99. By requiring certification to this standard, the TSBPE ensures that medical gas systems in Texas are installed and serviced by competent and qualified individuals. This recognition highlights the TSBPE's commitment to upholding public safety and promoting excellence in the plumbing industry.

"We are thrilled that the Texas State Plumbing Board has accepted the ASSE 6010 standard," said Joe Cooper, training director for Local Union No. 286 and president of the Central Texas ASSE chapter. "This decision represents a significant milestone in enhancing workforce development and ensuring the highest level of expertise in medical gas systems installations within the state."

The acceptance of the ASSE 6010 standard not only provides an additional pathway for licensed individuals to become certified to work on medical gas systems, but also promotes increased workforce development in Texas. Nearly 85,000 individuals across the nation hold this certification. This new rule allows certified and licensed professionals from out of state to contribute their expertise to healthcare facilities within Texas, opening doors for qualified professionals to make a valuable impact on healthcare infrastructure in the state.

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