In the past the issue of altered electronic medical records has reoccurred. This year, the legislature addressed this problem for “health care providers” by adding a new provision to the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act in the Civil Code through SB 850.

The act requires three things

(1) That the electronic record exist in such a way as to ensure integrity of the information contained within
(2) That every transaction in the record (additions, deletions, modifications) be permanently identifiable by date, time, and the person making the entry. The record of the change must be created automatically and cannot be deleted.
(3) Gives access to the record in the same manner as any medical record in compliance with state and federal law.

Since the Board is going through Sunset Review and may have an opportunity to propose changes to its Act, and since the Legislature has already imposed this requirement on health care providers, if the Board desired to incorporate it into the Act without the need for mucking about with regulation, some of the language of SB 850 would be a good starting point.

As presently written, SB 850 does not apply to veterinary medicine.