

June 3, 2016

Medical Board Plans to Cut Initial Licensure Fee

The Medical Board is looking to create financial incentives to encourage new physicians to stay in Ohio. Ohio's initial physician licensing fee is already among the least expensive in the country. Recently, the Board approved a further reduction from \$335 to \$305, and is awaiting legislative approval to implement it.

Special Notice Only for CTs in the L-M Renewal Group

July 1 is the license expiration date for Cosmetic Therapists (CT) who have a last name beginning with either L or M. Complete your on-line renewal as soon as possible. Due to a computer system conversion impacting selected licensee types, you will not be able to renew your license on-line between Friday, June 17 and Sunday, June 26. The computer conversion will go into effect for CTs on Monday, June 27. Contact the renewal department at med.renewal@med.ohio.gov if you need assistance.

Public Rules Hearing Set for June 13, 2016

A public hearing will be conducted on June 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad Street, 1st Floor, Columbus, Ohio. The hearing will address rules regarding various aspects of the Board's administrative hearing process and a rule regarding a Physician Assistant's authority to delegate medical tasks and the administration of drugs. Oral and written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed rules. The notice of the public hearing and the proposed rules may be found at this [link](#).

Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program Application Deadline is June 30, 2016

The Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program (OPLRP) increases access to primary care for underserved communities and populations. In exchange for loan repayment assistance, physicians commit to practice for a minimum of two years at an eligible site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Health Resource Shortage Area, accept Medicare and Medicaid, and see patients regardless of ability to pay.

Physicians applying to OPLRP must either be in current practice or in the final year of residency or fellowship training at the time of application. The following primary care specialties are eligible: family practice, general internal medicine, internal medicine/pediatrics, OB/GYN, general pediatrics, adolescent medicine, geriatrics, and psychiatry (general, child and adolescent, geriatric).

The Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program (OPLRP) is managed by the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office. To learn more and to obtain the OPLRP application, visit the website: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/chss/pcrh_programs/recruitment/slrp.aspx or contact Shane Ford, Recruitment/Retention Coordinator at Shane.Ford@odh.ohio.gov