



State Medical Board of

Ohio

med.ohio.gov
eLicense.ohio.gov

Licensure Survey

We have a brief questionnaire about license renewal fees that will take about one minute to complete. Your responses are confidential and the data we collect will only be used for this research.

[Take the Survey](#)

Did You Know?

Did You Know is a new monthly series from the State Medical Board of Ohio to help our licensees stay up-to-date with current regulations and laws. Being in the know can help prevent you from board discipline, fines and most importantly, support patient safety and wellbeing.

Important Notice for Prescribers

Please be advised that you should now be including ICD-10 codes on all prescriptions for controlled substances. The State Medical Board of Ohio will soon start sending ICD-10 code non-compliance notifications to licensees. The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has provided ICD-10 code compliance reports along with OARRS usage reports to the medical board, asking us to remind prescribers of these requirements. Please take this time to ensure your office is in compliance with these and other prescribing regulations.

Rule 4731-11-02 requires prescribers to include the first four alphanumeric characters (ex. M16.5) of the ICD-10 diagnosis code on all controlled substance prescriptions. This will then be entered by the pharmacy into Ohio's prescription monitoring program, OARRS. This requirement took effect for opioid prescriptions on December 29, 2017 and all other controlled substance prescriptions on June 1, 2018.

Even if your EHR does not allow you to automate this process, there are many no-cost websites. [Click here](#) for a guide on including ICD-10 codes on your controlled substance prescriptions. Visit med.ohio.gov for additional resources such as a quick-reference on writing a valid prescription.

Supervision Agreement Changes

New legislation changes the way physicians and physician assistants document their supervision agreements. According to HB 111 passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on June 20, 2018, supervision agreements will no longer need to be filed with the State Medical Board of Ohio. Before initiating supervision of a physician assistant, a physician shall enter into a supervision agreement with the physician assistant. For convenience, the Board has updated the supervision agreement forms (see below). However, use of these specific forms is not required; physicians may create their own documents that meet the requirements of the law. Supervising physicians must maintain the completed and signed agreements on-site. Since supervision agreements are no longer filed with the board, the requirement of renewing them every two years has also been eliminated.

Updated form for health care facility practice

Updated form for outside a health care facility

Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program Updates

As part of the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program (OMMCP), the State Medical Board of Ohio has been tasked with reviewing the petitions to add qualifying medical conditions to the Program. The State Medical Board is currently looking for qualified subject matter experts to assist the Board in reviewing the evidence submitted in support of these petitions. If you are interested in assisting the Board, [please click the link for more information](#).

Ohio MDs and DOs with a full, unrestricted license are [eligible to apply for a certificate to recommend medical marijuana](#). Once a physician's CTR application is approved by the board, they should review the standards of care outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-03. Once the patient registry is established by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy (coinciding with the availability of product in dispensaries), the physician will create a patient record in this portal and certify the patient's qualifying condition.

CBD oil (whether natural or synthetic) is considered to be marijuana under federal law and, therefore, is illegal to possess. Despite what vendors may say, Ohio law does not authorize any Medical Board licensee to possess medical marijuana in the course of his or her practice. This includes the application of massage oils and creams containing cannabinoids, including THC or CBD.

Certificates to Recommend

The State Medical Board of Ohio is now accepting applications for a certificate to recommend (CTR) under the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program. Click [here](#) to read full details.



Screen for Green

Many Ohioans spend their weekends enjoying our state's lakes, rivers and streams. Few are aware of the potential for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) which could make them sick. "Screen for Green" is a new Ohio Department of Health program to help busy providers like you identify potential patients with HABs exposure.

For patients presenting with ill-defined GI, neuro or skin symptoms AND a recent history of recreating in a waterway, consider HABs toxin exposure. Refer to the "screen for green" algorithm and fact sheet provided by the Ohio Department of Health. The early identification and reporting of HABs illnesses to public health is critical to reducing additional HABs illnesses

in affected recreational waters.

[Read More](#)



Track Your CE/CME Online with CE BROKER

MDs, DOs, DPMs, CTs, GCs, RCPs and LDs – sign up for your free CE Broker account. The State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO) has partnered with CE Broker to simplify your CE/CME tracking and reporting. Using CE Broker Basic, you can track your course completion and report hours free of charge. There is no requirement that licensees sign up for any CE Broker account now. It is an optional tool that is being offered. SMBO randomly audits a percentage of practitioners CE/CME compliance during each renewal cycle. If you are selected for audit, you will be requested to respond to the audit via CE Broker. [Click here to read more.](#)



Website Updates

We've done a bit of construction! There are now new navigation tabs on the website, med.ohio.gov. The Board is now the first tab and contains quick links to board meeting dates, minutes and board history. Regulation is a new addition and brings together links to overviews of the board's investigation and enforcement processes, which can serve as a guide for licensees facing a complaint.

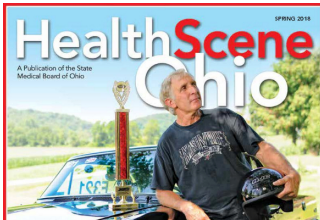
The Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
and affected local health departments

Hepatitis A

Statewide Community Outbreak

are investigating an increased number of hepatitis A cases in Ohio. ODH has declared a statewide community outbreak of hepatitis A after observing an increase in cases linked to certain risk factors since the beginning of 2018. Outbreaks of hepatitis A are occurring in several states across the U.S., including neighboring states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia. As of July 30, 2018, Ohio has 176 cases in the statewide outbreak.

For more information, [click here](#) to visit ODH's website.



HealthScene Ohio

Check out the spring edition of our magazine! Read more about podiatric medicine, preventing falls among older Ohioans, and the legacy of Dr. Steinbergh who retired from the board after 25 years of service.

HealthSceneOhio.com >



No More Paper

The medical board is no longer accepting paper applications, renewal applications or license verification requests.

All of these items need to be completed electronically through eLicense.ohio.gov.

eLicense.ohio.gov >



Monthly Formal Action Report

Review summary descriptions of the disciplinary actions initiated and the disciplinary sanctions imposed by the medical board at its monthly meeting.

[Monthly Formal Actions](#) >