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Welcome, Dietitians and Respiratory Care Professionals

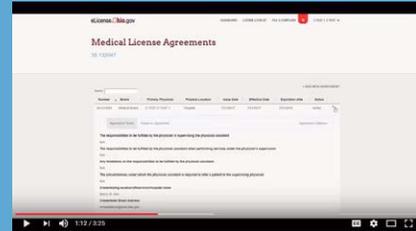
The Medical Board welcomes Ohio's licensed dietitians and respiratory care providers. House Bill 49, the state budget bill, ordered the consolidation of several boards in Ohio. As a result, Dietetics and Respiratory Care Boards have merged to be part of the State Medical Board of Ohio. All licensees will continue to use eLicense.ohio.gov to renew and update license information. We look forward to serving these new professionals as they work to protect and improve the health of Ohioans.

Saferin Reappointed to Board

On December 28, 2017, Governor Kasich reappointed Bruce D. Saferin, DPM, to the Medical Board. A podiatric physician from Toledo, Dr. Saferin first served on the Board from September 10, 2013 until December 27, 2017. His new term continues until December 28, 2022.

Supervision Agreement Must Be Renewed Online by Physician

Many supervision agreements will be expiring within the next month. The new process requires the **supervising PHYSICIAN** to log into eLicense.ohio.gov and renew the agreement. [A quick tutorial video is available.](#) The development of the eLicense system reflects negotiation of the PA association to eliminate the prior \$25 filing fee in favor of allowing physicians to manage their supervision agreements online. There is NOT an option for late renewal. If a supervision agreement expires, the physician must apply for a new supervision agreement.



How-To Video

Look Up Expiration Date



Jan 31, 2018 Renewal Deadline for PAs and Allied Health Professionals

Licenses expire on Jan 31, 2018 for Physician Assistants, Anesthesiologist Assistants, Radiologist Assistants, Genetic Counselors, Oriental Medicine Practitioners, and Acupuncturists. All renewals are processed online through the eLicense.ohio.gov website. Paper applications and personal checks are no longer accepted.

Changes to Faxed Prescriptions

A recent amendment to Pharmacy Board rule 4729-5-30 makes changes to the

requirements for faxed prescriptions. Except in limited circumstances, prescribers can no longer transmit prescriptions using a transmission system that converts the prescription into a computer-generated fax or scanned image. For more information on the exceptions, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/approval. To assist prescribers, the Pharmacy Board has also developed the following guidance document on issuing a valid prescription in Ohio: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/rx.

OH|ID Program Launched

The State of Ohio is increasing security on the eLicense portal this year. As of January 22, 2018, all licensees will need to create a secure login through OH|ID and an eLicense account in the upcoming weeks. Please [click here to see a demonstration video](#). Help requests can be done via webform or phone (855) 405-5514.

Tech Support

Seeking Expert Reviewers

The Medical Board seeks physicians in a variety of specialties to review confidential complaints involving quality of care issues. Physicians specializing in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine and Neurology are in high demand. If interested in contracting with the Medical Board for this service, complete [this application form](#).

Apply

Free DATA 2000 Training for Medication-Assisted Treatment

The Drug Abuse Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) specifies training is necessary for prescribers to obtain a waiver to engage in office-based treatment of opioid use disorders using Schedule III drugs approved by the FDA. The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) hosts the eight-hour day of training to meet federal requirements for the DATA 2000 Waiver. This is followed by a half-day of training from Ohio experts who will discuss topics including low-dose prescribing according to federal and state guidelines, and referral to behavioral health treatment facilities. Several training programs are offered throughout the state each month.

Learn More

Medical Marijuana Q&A

May a licensee of the Medical Board administer, dispense, utilize, or topically apply products containing medical marijuana in the course of treatment of a patient?

No. Ohio law does not authorize any Medical Board licensee to possess medical marijuana in the course of his or her practice. This includes the

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application of massage oils and creams containing cannabinoids, including THC or CBD. soon.

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See medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov for more information about Ohio's medical marijuana control program.

PA's and X-Rays

The Medical Board has recently received inquiries regarding Physician Assistants and x-ray services. **A physician assistant may be authorized to order an x-ray, but may not perform or supervise the performance of x-ray services.** The services a physician assistant may be authorized to provide include services that are part of the supervising physician's normal course of practice and expertise. See [Section 4730.20, Ohio Revised Code](#). When it comes to x-rays, however, Ohio Department of Health laws do not include physician assistants as those who are able to perform, or supervise the performance of, x-ray services. See [Section 4773.06, Ohio Revised Code](#). Any questions related to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) decisions about payment for x-rays ordered by physician assistants should be directed to BWC.

Proposed Rules – Comment Period until February 2, 2018

Public comment is being sought on the proposed language regarding Light Based Medical Device and Standards for Surgery rules. View the proposed rules [here](#). February 2, 2018 is the deadline for submitting comments to Nathan Smith, Senior Legal & Policy Counsel at Nathan.Smith@med.ohio.gov



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April 1 Renewal Deadline

If your last name begins with N through R and you are a MD, DO, DPM, CT or MT, your license expires on Sunday, April 1. All licensure renewals are online through the elicense.ohio.gov website and renewal fees paid by credit card. Only Visa, MasterCard or Discover are accepted. Paper applications and personal checks are no longer accepted. Contact med.renewal@med.ohio.gov if you have questions regarding your renewal.

Dietetics and Respiratory Care Updates

The merger of the Dietetics Board and the Respiratory Care Board with the State Medical Board of Ohio went into effect on January 21, 2018. The legislation aligning renewal cycles, timelines and fees is now effective.

Dietitians: Dietitians will now have a two-year licensure cycle, with the renewal date for most license holders remaining June 30, 2018. The fee for initial licensure will now cover two years (\$225 total) and fees will be reduced to \$180 for a two-year renewal period (previously \$95+\$95).

Respiratory Care Professionals: Respiratory care professionals will remain on a biennial renewal cycle, with the renewal date for most license holders remaining June 30, 2018. The fee for initial licensure remains \$75 and the renewal fee has been reduced to \$75 as well.



3rd Annual

Ohio Workers' Compensation

Medical & Health Symposium

March 8 – 9, 2018
Greater Columbus Convention Center

There is still time to register for the Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium on March 8 and 9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The conference is FREE but you must register.

The symposium [website](#) outlines the details for session topics and speakers. If you have questions, call BWC's provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, options 0-3-0, or email medsymposium@ohio.gov. The Medical & Health Symposium runs in conjunction with BWC's Ohio Safety Congress & Expo.



How Health Disparities Impact Infant Mortality

Continuing Medical Education Opportunities - The Medical Board's website provides information about continuing medical education opportunities addressing how health disparities impact infant mortality. Click this [link](#) to learn more.

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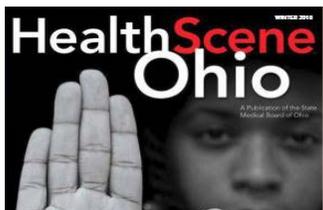


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HealthScene Ohio

The winter edition of the medical board's quarterly magazine is now available. Read more about professional ethics, respiratory care professionals, dietitians and addressing infant mortality.

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On National Doctors' Day, the State Medical Board of Ohio celebrates the 49,000 women and men licensed as physicians in Ohio. Thank you for your compassion and caring that touches so many lives each day.

MDs, DOs May Now Apply for Certificate to Recommend Medical Marijuana

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.

More information is available through the official state website, MedicalMarijuana.ohio.gov



Governor Reappoints Two Physicians to Medical Board

Governor Kasich recently reappointed Michael Schottenstein, MD, of Columbus and Amol Soin, MD, of Dayton, to the Medical Board. Their reappointments began March 19, 2018 and continue until March 18, 2023.



OHIO AUTOMATED RX REPORTING SYSTEM

Thanks to intensified efforts, opioids prescribed to Ohio patients declined for the fifth consecutive year in 2017. Between 2012 and 2017, the total number of opioids dispensed to Ohio patients decreased by 225 million doses or 28.4 percent. There has also been an 88 percent decrease in the amount of people that appear to be engaged in the practice of doctor shopping since 2012. Additionally, the use of OARRS continues to break records, with more than 88 million patient reports requested last year; or an increase of 4,900 percent since 2011. Ohio has been recognized by the American Medical Association for having the highest number of prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) queries of any state.

Data insights from the upgraded OARRS systems will help Ohio continue these trends. Over the next several months, the State Medical Board of Ohio will be reviewing OARRS data and contacting providers who appear to be out of compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

In addition to OARRS compliance information, the State Board of Pharmacy has developed tools that will assist with prescribing decisions. [Click here](#) to read their latest newsletter.

Office Based Opioid Treatment FAQs Updated

The Medical Board updated the FAQs for Office Based Opioid Treatment to address use of extended-release injected buprenorphine products. Click [here](#) to view the updated document available under prescriber resources on the Medical Board's website.



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2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH

Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov

<http://workforce.mha.ohio.gov/>

Board Seeks Subject Matter Experts

The State Medical Board of Ohio contracts with qualified medical experts for case review and standards input. The Board is currently seeking experts in family medicine and pain management. Potential experts should have a clinical practice in the state of Ohio and be Board-certified for a minimum of ten years. If interested, email your CV to donald.davis@med.ohio.gov

Unclaimed Funds Notice

The Department of Commerce's Division of Unclaimed Funds reunites Ohioans with their hard-earned but forgotten money. These properties are turned over to the division when accounts such as deposits, unclaimed wages, checking/savings accounts and policies become dormant, and the business no longer has contact information for the account owner and/or working to track down the rightful owner has come to no avail.

All businesses that are located and/or operate in the state of Ohio are required to file an Annual Report of Unclaimed Funds to the division per the Ohio Administrative Code section 169.01,

There are no minimum reportable dollar amounts, except for unclaimed wages less than \$50.00, and if a business is not holding any unclaimed funds, they must still file a Negative (NONE) Report.

The only entities exempt from reporting are political subdivisions of the state and Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) tax exempt hospitals.

The reporting deadline for non-life insurance companies is November 1.

For more information on businesses' requirements to report their unclaimed funds, visit the division's [FAQ page](#) or contact the division at 614-466-4433 or

including medical professionals.

UnfdClaims.UnfdClaims@com.ohio.gov.



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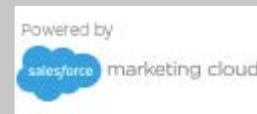
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Medical Board Seeking Comment on Proposed Rules

Public comment is being sought on the proposed language for the following rules. The rules can be found on the Medical Board's website under "Proposed Rules Under Initial Review" or by clicking on the links below.

- [Rule 4731-34-01 Standards and Procedures to be followed by physicians when prescribing a dangerous drug that may be administered by a pharmacist by injection](#)
- [Chapter 4759 Dietetics rules](#)
- [Chapter 4761 Respiratory Care rules](#)
- [Chapter 4778 Genetic Counselor rules](#)

The deadline for submitting comments is May 7, 2018. Comments for Genetic Counselor rules should be sent to Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov. Comments for Dietetics and Respiratory Care rules as well as Rule 4731-34-01 should be sent to Nathan.Smith@med.ohio.gov.



The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment. Click [here](#) to find a collection site in your area.

Respiratory Care Professional Renewal Reminder

Respiratory Care Professional licenses expire on 6/30/2018. All renewals are

online through the elicense.ohio.gov website. Do not create a new account. To renew your license, click on the **Login / Create an Account** link located in the picture of the Statehouse at the top of the elicense page. On the next screen, click the **I Have a License** button at the bottom of the left column.

If you have trouble setting up your elicense account, the Medical Board may not have up-to-date information on file. Please send an email to med.renewal@med.ohio.gov and indicate the best time between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to call you to verify and update your personal information. Please include your name, phone number, and license number in your email.

Medical Board Appoints Advisory Councils

As part of the consolidation with the former Ohio Board of Dietetics and the former Ohio Respiratory Board, the Medical Board appointed the following professionals to serve on Advisory Councils:

Dietetics Advisory Council

- Rachel Pohle-Krauza, PhD, RD, LD
- Susan Finn, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND
- Carmen Clutter, MS, RDN, LD, CLC
- Judith Nagy, LD
- Ashlee Pax, LD
- Joseph Nigh, Esq.

Respiratory Care Advisory Council

- Ronan Factora, MD
- Edward L. Warren, MD
- Amy Rodenhause, M.Ed., RRT
- Sanja Keller, MS, RRT, RCP
- Roy Neely, RRT, RPSGT, LRCP
- Robert Pelfrey, DHSC Can, MSHS, RRT-ACCS, NPS, RPFT, AE-C
- Margaret Traband, M.Ed., RRT, FAARC



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ICD-10 Required on Controlled Substance Prescriptions

Effective June 1, 2018, all controlled substance prescriptions must include the first four alphanumeric characters of the ICD-10-CM medical diagnosis code (ex. M16.5). If your EHR system cannot generate the ICD-10 code automatically, simply write or type in the code on the prescription.

[Acute Pain Prescribing FAQs](#)

Rules Effective May 31, 2018

The following rules were adopted by the Medical Board and go into effect on May 31, 2018.

- [Chapter 4731-10 Physician Continuing Education Rules](#)
- [Chapter 4731-20 Surgery Privileges as a Podiatrist](#)
- [Chapter 4731-25 Office-based Surgery](#)

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RX REPORTING SYSTEM

How to Read a Prescriber Practice Report

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy will be regularly providing reports to prescribers that present a snapshot of each clinician's prescribing of controlled substance medications. To assist prescribers in interpreting the data featured in this report, the Board has developed the following guidance document.

NEW! Prescriber Practice Reports

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy will now be distributing Prescriber Practice Reports via email. These proactive reports provide a snapshot of each clinician's prescribing of controlled substance medications. To assist prescribers in reviewing the reports, the Board has developed the following guidance document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/practicereport.



New Board Member Appointed

On May 3, 2018, Governor Kasich appointed Sherry L. Johnson, DO to serve on the Medical Board. Dr. Johnson practices obstetrics and gynecology in Cincinnati. Her term continues until April 25, 2023. Dr. Johnson fills the position formerly held by Anita M. Steinbergh, DO who completed 25 years of dedicated service on the Medical Board.

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What are a physician's next steps after approval of their CTR?

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 (expected this summer), the physician will create a patient record in this portal and certify the patient's qualifying condition. More information on how to use the portal will be provided as soon as it is available. Sign up for updates at medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov.



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Take Charge Launches New TV PSA

After conducting patient and prescriber focus groups across the state of Ohio, it was identified that many patients lacked awareness on safe pain management options.

To address this issue, the State of Ohio launched a Public Service Announcement (PSA), titled “[Talk To Your Doctor](#)”, helping to educate patients and prescribers on the importance of having a conversation about safe pain management practices

The new PSA acknowledges that both prescribers and patients play a role in preventing the misuse of opioids. Specifically, we wanted to provide a tool to help prescribers educate patients on the importance of learning about safe pain management options before taking opioids.

Help us spread our message by sharing the new PSA through your professional online networks, including social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

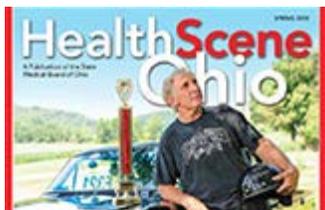
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MDs, DOs, DPMs, CTs, GCs, RCPs and LDs – sign up for your free CE Broker account. The State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO) has partnered with CE Broker to simplify your CE/CME tracking and reporting. Using CE Broker Basic, you can track your course completion 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.](#)

CME Credit for Volunteer Services

Effective 5/31/18, rule 4731-10-02 now permits MDs, DOs and DPMs to earn one hour of CME for each 60 minutes spent providing volunteer health care services in Ohio to indigent and uninsured persons. A maximum of thirty-three hours per CME period may be earned. Any hours of CME earned under this provision shall be credited toward category two requirements. See [4731-10-02\(E\)](#) for complete information.



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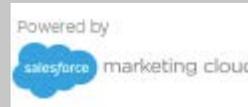
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Supervision Agreement Changes

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. Supervising physicians and the physician assistants who enter into an agreement should complete the appropriate agreement application ([for health care facility practice](#) or [outside a health care facility](#)) and maintain the completed, signed forms on-site.

June 30 and July 1 License Renewal Deadlines

Several license types will expire soon. To see if your license will expire or to renew, click below to go to the elicense.ohio.gov website.

Start the Renewal Process

**Policy Statement:
Massage Therapist
Performance of
Electrical**

A person who holds a massage therapy license may provide therapeutic ultrasound, diathermy, or electrical neuromuscular stimulation services when acting as an unlicensed person performing

Stimulation, Diathermy, or Therapeutic Ultrasound

Adopted by the State Medical Board

of Ohio on June 13, 2018

the service under the supervision of a person acting within the scope of their professional license. The person who holds the massage therapy license should not be identified as a massage therapist when doing so and the service should not be held out to be massage therapy.

Proposed Rule Comment Period Open

At this time, public comment is being sought on the proposed amended language for the following rules:

4731-1-05: Scope of practice: massage therapy

4731-1-16: Massage therapy curriculum requirements

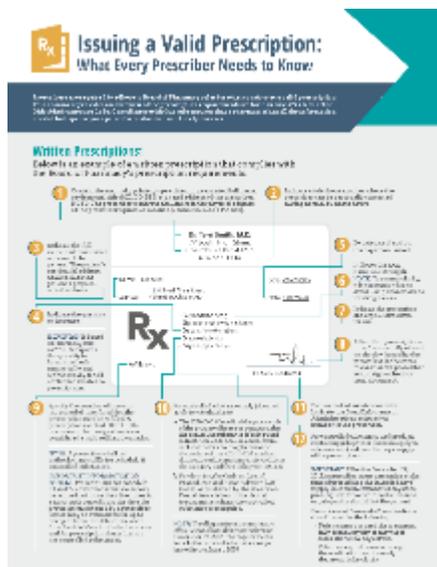
Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted through July 9, 2018.

[Read Rules and Submit Comments](#)

Out-of-State License Verifications

The State Medical Board of Ohio no longer accepts paper applications; that includes paper verifications from other states. The State Medical Board of Ohio prefers verifications be delivered directly from the state's regulatory agency by email (med.license@med.ohio.gov) or fax (614.466.4331).

Important Resources for Prescribers



The State Medical Board of Ohio and the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy have adopted many regulations for prescribers in recent years including the requirement of ICD-10 codes on controlled substance prescriptions. Prescribers, pharmacists and supporting staff can reference this guide on [HOW TO ISSUE A VALID PRESCRIPTION](#) which addresses many of the changes.

MMCP FAQs

- 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.
- 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

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NTSB Safety Recommendation

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is asking health care providers across the country to counsel their patients regarding the effect medication use may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle. The State Medical Board of Ohio supported these efforts with a resolution, adopted June 13, 2018. Read more about the study that prompted these safety recommendations [here](#).

HABs

With high temperatures and increasing recreational use of Ohio's waterways, the Ohio Department of Health would like to remind providers about the possible health impacts of harmful algal blooms (HABs). Please click to read more from the Ohio Department of Health's medical director.

Read More

Massage Therapy Update

The Westerville City Council recently voted to require all massage business to only employ licensed massage therapists by the year 2020. Please direct any colleagues wishing to become licensed to the medical board website for additional information:

<http://med.ohio.gov/Apply/Message-Therapist-MT>

Free CME

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting a course designed to help physicians and healthcare professionals who care for pregnant women with opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance-exposed infants make clinically appropriate and individualized treatment decisions that will promote the best possible outcome for both mother and infant. The course will be held on August 10 in Columbus. This live activity is approved for a maximum of 6.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. For more information or to register, please visit <http://bit.ly/OHCMERegistration>.



Ohio Gestational Diabetes
Postpartum Care Learning Collaborative

Continuing Education

On August 27, 2018 at 12:00pm EST, you are invited to participate in

a one-hour webinar titled "Primary Care Providers and Gestational Diabetes: Identifying the Connection" with Drs. Steven Gabbe and Seuli Bose Brill from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. This no-cost webinar will provide information on the link between Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM). In addition, the webinar, which is geared toward providers, nurses, and diabetes educators, will provide recommendations for primary care providers on managing gestational diabetes over the life course and resources available for both providers and patients. This presentation is being offered as part of the Ohio Type 2 Diabetes Learning Collaborative, a quality improvement project sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Medicaid and administered by the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center. Learn more about the project by visiting <http://ohiogdm.com>. Please click here to register for the webinar or contact Morgan Richardson at Morgan.Richardson@osumc.edu with questions.



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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.](#)

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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](#)



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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.

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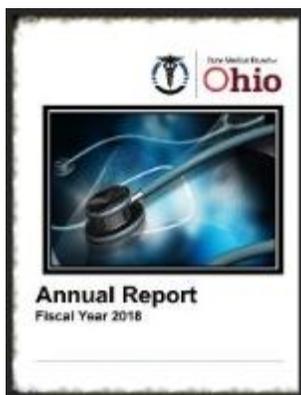
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Confidential Monitoring Program Rules effective August 31, 2018

New rules in Chapter 4731-28, Ohio Administrative Code, create a non-disciplinary, confidential monitoring program for licensees who are unable to safely practice without monitoring due to mental or physical illness other than substance use disorders. The confidential program allows such individuals to receive treatment and be monitored by the Medical Board without triggering a public, formal disciplinary action.

The rules establish the eligibility criteria for program participants and the participation requirements for individuals in the confidential monitoring program. Disqualification from continued participation in the program and termination of the participation agreement for the confidential monitoring program are also addressed in the rules.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the new confidential monitoring program.



Annual Report

The State Medical Board of Ohio published its annual report in compliance with the requirements included in the Ohio Revised Code.

The report summarizes the activities of the Board between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Click [here](#) to review the full report.

Drug Abuse Trends in Ohio

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services announces the release of the newest Drug Trend report from the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network: [Surveillance of Drug Abuse Trends in the State of Ohio: June 2017 – January 2018.](#)

Eight regions are included in the OSAM Network: Akron-Canton, Athens, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown. The OSAM Network conducts focus groups and individual qualitative interviews with active and recovering drug users and community professionals (treatment providers, law enforcement officials, etc.) to produce epidemiological descriptions of local substance abuse trends.

The report noted that fentanyl and meth availability are increasing throughout the state and illicit prescription opioid availability is trending downward in several areas of the state. Details of other findings within each region are included in the full report.



Did You Know?

About licensure renewal

To continue to practice in Ohio, all licenses issued by the Board must be renewed every two years according to the renewal schedule described in Ohio law. During renewal, licensees update their contact information, answer questions on the online renewal form, and pay their renewal fee.

Renewal forms include a series of questions that must be carefully reviewed and answered with either a yes or no response. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, upload applicable documentation which explains the response, such as court documents related to a misdemeanor conviction. A licensee can complete their renewal even if they answered "yes" to a renewal question.

The Board reviews the affirmative responses and related documentation to determine if additional information or action is required. Most of the "yes" responses require no further action by the Board.

It is very important for licensees to honestly answer the renewal questions. The Board may take action based on licensure fraud or misrepresentation if the Board learns that a licensee did not correctly reply to a renewal question.

Physicians are asked to attest to completion of the required CME hours, but it is not necessary to provide documentation of CME with your renewal. The Medical Board randomly audits a percentage of practitioners during each renewal audit. If you are audited, you will be asked to submit proof of CME.

Board Member Reappointed

Governor Kasich recently reappointed Robert Giacalone, RPh, JD, to the Medical Board. Mr. Giacalone, of Dublin, is a consumer member on the Board and his term continues until July 31, 2023. Mr. Giacalone serves as Board President through 2018.

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Important Regulatory Changes for Physician Assistants

The Medical Board significantly updated and streamlined the rules addressing physician assistant (PA) practice to reflect changes in Ohio law. Rules that parroted statutory language or conflicted with the changes to the Revised Code were rescinded. Some existing rules were amended to include current terminology.

Rule 4730-1-06 Licensure as a Physician Assistant now addresses the PA licensure and renewal requirements; applications received from veterans, service members or their spouses; and how a licensed PA can obtain a valid prescriber number. This rule also explains how PAs may earn one hour of CME for every 60 minutes spent providing health care services in Ohio, as a volunteer, to indigent or uninsured patients. Recent changes in Ohio law regarding OARRS reports and prescribing opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, or other reported drugs are addressed in Rule 4730-2-10 Standards and Procedures for review of the "Ohio Automated RX Reporting System."

[Click here to view the revised PA rules](#)



License Expire October 1? Renew Now!

eLicense.ohio.gov will be undergoing maintenance on Sunday, September 30 from 9-11 p.m. We encourage you to renew your expiring license now, prior to the outage as no one will be able to process payments on the eLicense portal during that time.

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Elder Abuse Reporting Required

As of September 29, 2018, Ohio law now requires MDs, DOs, and DPMs to report suspected elder abuse to the county department of job and family services. To help licensees understand the reporting requirements, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services published " *Understanding Elder Abuse – A Guide for Medical Professionals.*" Click [here](#) to access this valuable information.

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About OVI

Did you know that driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol could put your professional license in jeopardy? A criminal conviction for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs (OVI) may trigger an investigation into whether the licensee is unable to safely practice due to use or abuse of drugs or alcohol. Disciplinary actions for impairment can include revocation, probation, practice limitations and varying degrees of suspension; more than 30 percent of discipline from the board is because of licensee impairment.

Here are some things to remember to keep your license with the medical board in good standing:

1. Obey the law. Demonstrate integrity and professionalism, whether you are at the office or in public.
2. Self-report. The renewal application asks about misdemeanors or felony convictions that have occurred since the last renewal. The initial application asks about arrests as well as convictions, and they should be disclosed even if the charges are later dropped or the case has been expunged.
3. Be honest. Failing to disclose information on applications and renewals may be considered falsifying an application and can result in discipline by the board. Being honest keeps the application review straight-forward. If you withhold information and the board finds out later, the evaluation of your situation may become complex. This can result in a delay or denial of obtaining your license or other disciplinary actions.

HealthScene Ohio Summer 2018

The final HealthScene Ohio magazine is now available. The Summer 2018 issue features articles including:

A New Outlook - Patient sees difference cataract surgery can make

More Than Just Sunscreen - Are you taking time to protect your eyes?

I Feel Your Pain - Anesthesiologist Assistants are an important resource for those going through painful procedures

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[Click here to read these articles and more.](#)



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Communications to Prescribers Regarding OARRS and ICD-10 Code Compliance

On October 15, the State Medical Board of Ohio sent communication to prescribers on mandatory use of OARRS and inclusion of ICD-10 codes on controlled substance prescriptions. This is the first time that the medical board has looked at ICD-10 code information and contacted providers who appear to be out of compliance. State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy identified and provided the records that indicated missing checks or ICD-10 codes.

Through correspondence with prescribers, the medical board and pharmacy board have learned of several ways future data from the Board of Pharmacy can be improved:

- Although entered by the EHR, physician or the physician's delegate, the ICD-10 code was not being transmitted to the pharmacy in many instances.
- Gabapentin does not require an ICD-10 code and should not be counted in the prescriptions missing the code.
- OARRS data reports need to include an automatic integration of prescribers' license number and email as merging the reports can produce erroneous pairing.
- Prescribers need additional information on who is exempt from requirements as ICD-10 exemptions differ from OARRS usage exemptions.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this process.

Chronic and Sub-Acute Pain Prescribing Rules Update

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) will meet on November 15 to review the Chronic and Sub-Acute Pain Prescribing Rules proposed by the Medical Board.

The amendments to rules 4731-11-01 and 4731-11-02 and new rule 4731-11-14 establish the requirements and procedures for prescribing for subacute and chronic pain. The rules will apply to physicians and physician assistants. A public hearing on the proposed rules, and the proposed rescission of the current intractable pain rules found in Chapter 4731-21 of the Administrative Code, was held on September 26, 2018.

As a result of comments, several proposed changes to the rules were taken into consideration.

(1) The definition of chronic pain was amended to state: "Chronic pain" does not include pain associated with a terminal condition or with a progressive disease that, in the normal course of progression, may reasonably be expected to result in a terminal condition.

(2) The type of providers who may write prescriptions for ≥ 120 MED were expanded from pain management specialists to include board-certified hospice and palliative care providers.

(3) Requests to substantially increase the frequency of required drug screens were rejected as it would have created hardship for patients (cost, travel, delay of receiving prescriptions).

(4) Comments were provided urging the medical board to mandate co-prescribing of Naloxone starting at 50 MEDs as recommended by CDC. This amendment was not made, as CDC does NOT call for mandatory co-prescribing, rather an offer from the prescriber to also provide Naloxone.

If approved by JCARR, the medical board will vote to adopt the rules with an effective date in late December.

One-Bite: Confidential Monitoring Program

Proposed rules 4731-16-17 through 4731-16-21 establish the One-Bite Program for Impaired Practitioners. The One-Bite Program will be a confidential monitoring program for treatment of impairment by alcohol and/or drugs. It will be available to any licensee who meets the eligibility criteria.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will occur on November 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower.

Other rules to be addressed at the public hearing:

- Physician Assistants: Rules 4730-4-01 through 4730-4-04: Medication-assisted treatment
- Massage Therapists: Rule 4731-1-16: Massage therapy curriculum requirements
- Physicians: Rules 4731-33-01 through 4731-33-04: Medication-assisted treatment

Did You Know?

Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program (OPLRP)

Many physicians ask about the OPLRP after seeing the fee upon renewal. The program provides loan repayment assistance to eligible physicians who commit to practice in underserved areas. It is administered by the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office and the program placed its first participants in 1994. Section 4731.281 of the Revised Code ([ORC 4731.281](#)) mandates that \$20 of each physician's license renewal fee is deposited to this program. This fee is not new, but now shows as a line item on the eLicense renewal payment page. For more information or to apply for this program, please visit [ODH Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program](#).

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Certified nurse-midwife (APRN-CNM), Clinical Nurse Specialist (APRN-CNS), or Certified Nurse Practitioner (APRN-CNP) are required to enter into a Standard Care Arrangement (SCA) with one or more collaborating physicians or podiatrists and practice in accordance with the SCA.

The nurse's employer is required to retain a copy of the SCA on file. **The SCA does not need to be filed with the Medical Board.** The APRN is responsible for providing information regarding the collaborating physician/podiatrist to the Ohio Board of Nursing through the APRN's eLicense account.

Standard Care Arrangements with Advanced Practice Nurses



Promoting wellness and recovery

Data 2000 Prescriber Training for Medication-Assisted-Treatment

The Drug Abuse Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) specifies training is necessary for prescribers to obtain a waiver to engage in office-based treatment of opioid use disorders using Schedule III drugs approved by the FDA. The American Society of Addiction Medicine will host the eight-hour day of training to meet federal requirements for the DATA 2000 Waiver. This will be followed by a half-day of training from Ohio experts who will discuss topics including low-dose prescribing according to federal and state guidelines, and referral to behavioral health treatment.

Training events are available several times each month across the state. Click [here](#) for more information.

Now Open – Ohio Department of Health 2019 State J-1 Visa Waiver Program Application Cycle

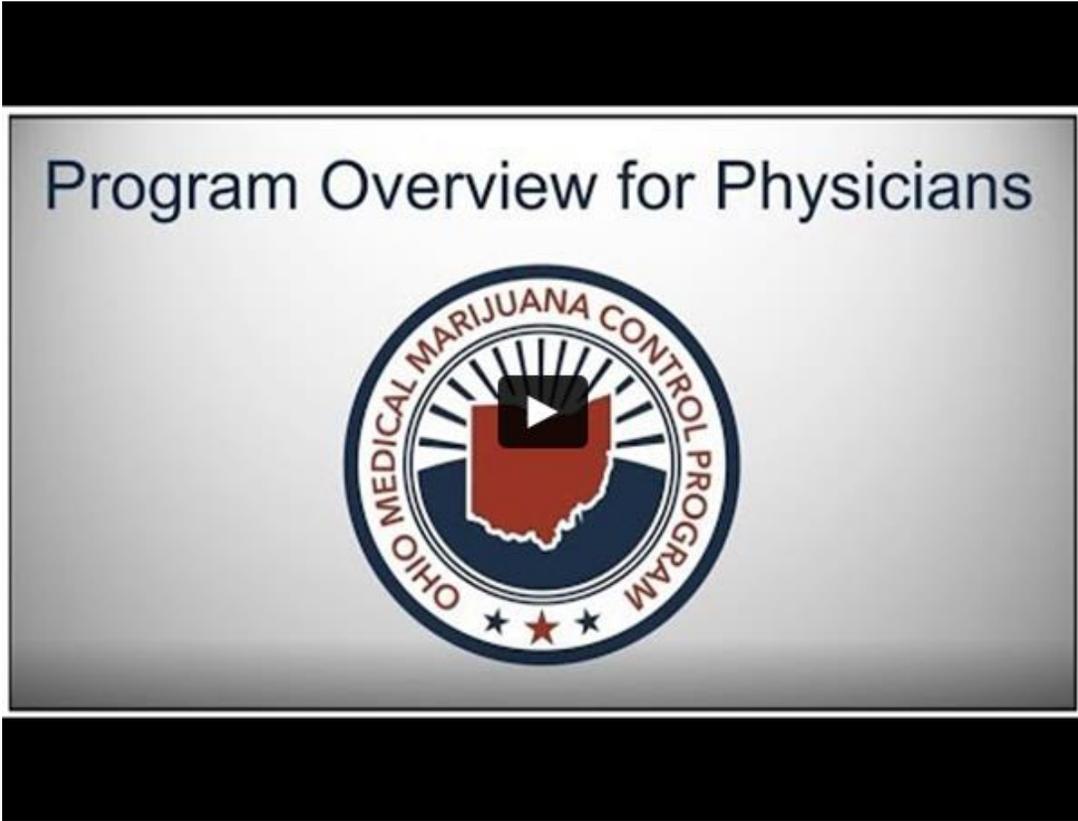
Potential sponsors for the 2019 application cycle should complete and submit the *Notice of Intent to Apply* form as soon as possible. All applications must be postmarked by **November 9, 2018**. A second application cycle may be added if less than 30 applications are received by this deadline.

- Please thoroughly read application instructions and forms and be sure to use only the 2019 application forms. Check all documents for completeness, accuracy and consistency before submission. Do not submit additional materials unless requested.
- Applications from sponsors who submit more than one application will not be reviewed unless the same sponsor-identified representative is named on each application.
- Application reviews will include evaluation of the sponsor's adherence to program requirements for current and past participants.
- Please note new application formatting requirements as described on the first page of the application packet.

More information about the J-1 Visa Waiver Program is available [here](#).

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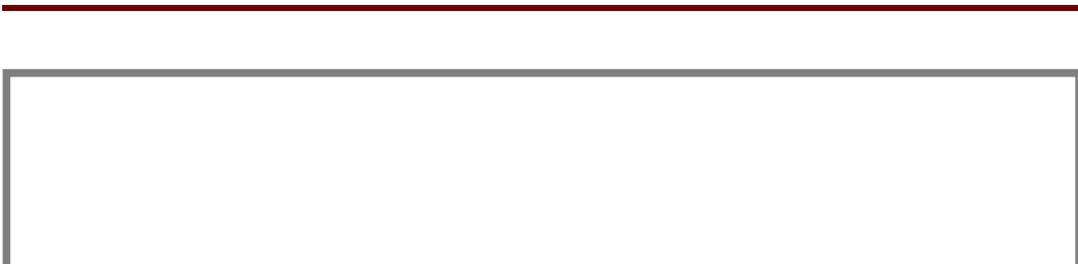


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January 1st Renewal Deadline Approaching

All renewals are online through elicense.ohio.gov. Contact the Renewal Department at med.renewal@med.ohio.gov if you need help with your renewal account. Keep in mind that the Medical Board's office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1st so renewal assistance will not be available those days.

ICD-10 Codes on Controlled Substance Prescriptions

A sincere thank you to all licensees working diligently to include the required ICD-10 code on controlled substance prescriptions. The medical and pharmacy boards continue to work with electronic health record (EHR) vendors to improve the default settings and automated inclusion of diagnosis codes. Until there are built-in short cuts, please double check that the ICD-10 code on the prescription is related to the actual condition for which you are prescribing a controlled substance.

Rules Addressing PA Prescribing Practice Effective November 30

The Medical Board adopted two rules addressing PA prescribing practice which go into

effect on November 30, 2018.

Rule 4730-2-04 Period of on-site supervision of physician-delegated prescriptive authority. This rule replaces the old “provisional period of physician-delegated prescriptive authority” rule, as statutory changes did away with the “provisional period,” but now require a period of on-site supervision upon the initial issuance of the physician assistant’s valid prescriber number.

The rule clarifies the expectations for conducting the required period of on-site supervision of the physician assistant’s prescribing, without explicitly dictating the specific actions to be taken. The language is in response to the numerous inquiries received concerning how the hours should be tracked and whether the documentation must be submitted to the Medical Board. The rule also recognizes that when there are multiple supervising physicians they might designate one of them to be the “primary” and that it is possible that serial supervisory relationships may be required in order to complete the required number of hours.

4730-2-05 Addition of valid prescriber number after initial licensure. This is a new rule to replace the former “certificate to prescribe,” rule which is no longer applicable because statutory changes did away with the certificate to prescribe. The rule reflects current statutory language.

The rule clarifies the application procedure by which a physician assistant who did not receive a valid prescriber number as part of the issuance of the physician assistant license may apply for the addition of a valid prescriber number. In the Medical Board’s licensure system, the valid prescriber number acts as an endorsement to the physician assistant license number. A physician assistant must have a valid prescriber number in order to be authorized to prescribe or order any prescription drug.

Click [here](#) to view the revised PA rules.

Ludy appointed to Dietetics Advisory Council

The Medical Board approved the appointment of Mary-Jon Ludy, PhD, RDN, FAND, of Bowling Green, Ohio to serve as the educator representative on the Dietetics Advisory Council. She currently is Associate Professor of Food and Nutrition at Bowling Green State University.

Medical Marijuana

To learn how to enter a patient or caregiver into the Patient and Caregiver Registry, watch this brief video.



Below is a video highlighting what your patients need to know in order to become a medical marijuana patient in Ohio. For more info visit: medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov



Medical Marijuana Control Program Frequently Asked Questions

How will I know if a patient is legitimately part of the OMMCP?

Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program patients' dispensation of medical marijuana can be viewed in OARRS the same way you can view patients' prescription history.

Will this affect chronic pain management contracts?

It is up to the discretion of the physician if they will modify their patients' pain contracts to allow for use of medical marijuana. If a patient is part of the program, the medical marijuana is considered Schedule II per Ohio's law, House Bill 523. If a patient is NOT

registered with the program and has NOT received a recommendation from an Ohio-certified physician any marijuana indicated on a drug screen could be illicit use.

Can patients bring and consume their medical marijuana if they are admitted to an in-patient setting?

The use of medical marijuana within in-patient settings is up to the discretion of the facility or managing health care system.

Should a patient bring with them medical records confirming a qualifying condition when visiting a physician with an active Certificate to Recommend?

Although patients may present records, the CTR physician is required to obtain records directly from the other physician who has diagnosed the qualifying condition. Information on this and other expectations can be found in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program Standard of Care Rules.

CTR Applications

The State Medical Board of Ohio is accepting applications for a certificate to recommend (CTR) under the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program. Ohio MDs and DOs with a full, unrestricted license are eligible to apply for a certificate to recommend medical marijuana. Click [here](#) to read full details. Once a physician's CTR application is approved by the board, the physician should review the standards of care outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-03.



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Manage Pain, Prevent Addiction

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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. Individual's license information can be found on eLicense.

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December 2018 Newsletter

New Rules for Chronic and Subacute Pain Opioid Prescriptions - Effective 12/23/18

Ohio prescribers will need to follow new regulations when prescribing opioids for the treatment of long-term pain (lasting 12 weeks or more) and subacute pain (lasting between six and 12 weeks). The specific requirements can be found in Ohio Administrative Code 4731-11. Ohio's new rules will not take away medication for those in need, but instead strengthen communication between physicians and patients by establishing check points for additional assessment. Click the button below for guidance documents and a direct link to the new regulations.

[More Info](#)

Dietetics Jurisprudence Module

The State Medical Board of Ohio is excited to announce a new educational module to satisfy the jurisprudence requirement for dietitians renewing by July 2020. The module can be completed at any time prior to the next license renewal deadline. Once the quiz is completed, dietitians should maintain the certificate of completion for their records; it does NOT need to be submitted to the medical board. Click below to get started.

State Medical Board of
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**Ohio Dietetics
 Jurisprudence Course**

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020

Respiratory Care Continuing Education on Laws and Ethics

Ohio's respiratory care professionals now have the option of completing the State Medical Board of Ohio's Professional Ethics course for continuing education requirements prior to license renewal. Successful completion of this module, coupled with self-study of Ohio's laws and rules satisfies the required one-hour continuing education course for respiratory care professionals renewing their license in the next cycle. This module can be completed any time before July 1, 2020. Once the quiz is completed, respiratory care professionals should maintain the certificate of completion for their records; it does NOT need to be submitted to the medical board. Click below to get started.



New Email Address for Licensure, CME & Renewal Inquiries

The Medical Board has a new email address for all licensure, CME and renewal inquiries. Use license@med.ohio.gov to contact the Board for assistance with these issues.

2019 Medical Board Officers

The following members of the Board will serve as officers during calendar year 2019:

- President, Andrew Schachat, MD
- Vice-President, Michael Schottenstein, MD
- Secretary, Kim G. Rothermel, MD
- Supervising Member, Bruce Saferin, DPM



2019 J-1 Waiver Program Application Cycle Now Open

The Ohio Department of Health announced that the second application cycle for the 2019 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Application is now available **for primary care and behavioral health placements only**. Approximately seven slots are available this application cycle. J-1 visa waivers allow foreign medical graduates to remain in the United States after completing residency/fellowship training in exchange for a three-year commitment to provide health care services in underserved areas.

Potential sponsors are encouraged to complete and submit the "Notice of Intent to Apply" form as soon as possible. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2019. See the Ohio Department of Health website for more information and application forms.

[Learn More](#)

Medical Marijuana

After accepting patient registrations for three weeks, the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program has 4,440 recommendations in the Patient and Caregiver Registry. Of those with a recommendation, 3,036 have activated their Registry Card. There are currently 353 Ohio physicians with an active Certificate to Recommend.

Ohio physicians interested in recommending medical marijuana can learn more about the certificate to recommend (CTR) process [here](#).

Video for Patients: How to Become a Medical Marijuana Patient in Ohio

For Patients: Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program Ove...



Video for Physicians: How to Enter Patient or Caregiver into the Patient and Caregiver Registry

For Physicians: How to Register Patients and Caregivers



The Petition to Add A Qualifying Condition window closes December 31, 2018. The next petition window will be the last two months of 2019. [Click here](#) to access the online petition submission form.



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