



Dr. Mark A. Bechtel Named to Medical Board

On January 3, 2017, Gov. John R. Kasich appointed Mark A. Bechtel, MD, of Columbus to the State Medical Board for a term beginning January 3, 2017 and ending March 18, 2021. Dr. Bechtel is the Director of the Division of Dermatology at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Bechtel had previously served on the Medical Board from January 2012 until December 2014.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) Added to Podiatric Scope of Practice

Gov. Kasich signed Sub. H.B. 216 on January 4, 2017. This legislation amends Revised Code Section 4731.51 (the podiatric scope of practice) to allow podiatrists to order and supervise hyperbaric oxygen therapy for the treatment of ailments within the recognized podiatric scope of practice. The law also adds Revised Code Section 4731.511 which sets the parameters for podiatrists supervising HBOT.

A podiatrist may supervise HBOT if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The podiatrist has consulted with a physician authorized to perform HBOT by the facility in which the hyperbaric oxygen room or chamber is located.
- (2) The podiatrist orders HBOT only for treatment within the scope of practice of podiatry.
- (3) The podiatrist is certified in advanced cardiovascular life support.
- (4) The podiatrist has completed, at a minimum, a 40-hour introductory course in hyperbaric medicine recognized by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery or by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society.
- (5) The podiatrist is board-certified or board-qualified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery or the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Additionally, when a podiatrist supervises hyperbaric oxygen therapy:

- (1) The podiatrist must be immediately available throughout the performance of the therapy, and
- (2) A physician authorized to perform HBOT by the facility in which the hyperbaric room or chamber is located must be readily available for consultation throughout the performance of the therapy to furnish assistance and direction in the event a complication occurs that is outside the scope of practice of podiatry.



PA Supervision Agreement Renewal Deadline Update

If your PA supervision agreement is set to expire January 31, 2017, you do **NOT** need to renew it at this time; your agreement is automatically valid until February 1, 2018. Because of the migration of computer systems at the State Medical Board of Ohio, the renewal deadline for Physician Assistant Supervision Agreements will be pushed out one year (January 31, 2018). Rather than asking for paper applications and then asking for re-submission of the information electronically in eLicense, the Board worked with lawmakers to create an extension date for this renewal cycle. Renewal applications will be accepted after August 2017.

Board Recognized for 100 years of Massage Therapy Regulation



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The Ohio Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association recently recognized the State Medical Board of Ohio for 100 years of massage therapy licensure and regulation. In 1915 legislation passed requiring a license to practice massage therapy. The first license was issued in 1916. Ohio was the first state in the country to require licensure of this profession. Currently, the Medical Board regulates more than 11,500 massage therapists. The State Medical Board of Ohio recognizes massage therapy as an allied medical branch with therapeutic and health benefits. To find a licensed massage therapist in your area, visit findamassagetherapist.com.

2017 Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium

The 2017 Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium is a **free** continuing educational opportunity for health care professionals. The symposium features leading national and state experts focusing on the comprehensive care for an injured worker.

The **two-day annual symposium** offers experts in pain management, physical medicine and rehabilitation, alternative medicine, chiropractic medicine, neuromodulation, radiology, psychology, ergonomics, neurology and orthopedic surgery.

The program will be held March 9 – 10, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio. Physicians can earn 12.5 hours of Category 1 CME for attendance at this program.

For more information, visit the [Ohio BWC Symposium website](http://OhioBWC.com).



HealthScene Ohio – Winter 2017 Issue

HealthScene Ohio, the Medical Board's quarterly magazine, is now available. The [Winter 2017 issue](#) features articles on sepsis, physician assistants, medical school pipeline programs and anxiety disorders.



Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Report

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of human beings for the purpose of exploitation for commercial gain, and it is happening here in Ohio.

The number of Ohio human trafficking cases reported to a national hotline has risen sharply, according to a report that says the state is now fourth in call volume. Ohio ranked 11th in calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2012 and jumped to fourth two years ago, according to the most recent call data included in the report from Gov. John Kasich's human trafficking task force. (Read the [full article on WHIO](#))

Health care providers are uniquely positioned to come into contact with and identify those victims. The State Medical Board of Ohio has created two training modules which provide an overview of [human labor trafficking](#) and [human sex trafficking](#) in Ohio. Both provide information on what to do if you suspect trafficking situations.



Important License Renewal Information

The State Medical Board of Ohio will be changing online licensure websites in June 2017. All systems are anticipated to be unavailable from June 2 – June 19.

- Physicians and Training Certificate holders with an approaching renewal deadline: You are strongly encouraged to renew your license BEFORE June 2. Log on to <https://license.ohio.gov> to get started.
- All other license holders with a July 1, 2017 renewal deadline: Consider renewing before June 2 to avoid system outages. Click here to renew: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>.

Renewing early does not change future license expiration dates.

New Pharmacy Board Licensing Requirements for Prescribers

- **TDDD Requirements for Controlled Substances:** All locations that possess controlled substances are required to obtain licensure as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs. Please be advised that this requirement takes effect on April 6, 2017. More information on this provision can be found by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TDDDCs.
- **Office-Based Opioid Treatment:** Effective August 4, 2017, all locations that treat more than 30 individuals for opioid dependence or addiction using a controlled substance are required to obtain a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification. Please be advised that there are some exemptions to this requirement. More information on this provision can be found by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OBOT.
- **TDDD Requirements for Prescribers Possessing Compounded Drugs or Engaging in Drug Compounding:** Effective April 1, 2017, all prescribers that possess compounded drugs or engage in the compounding of dangerous drugs (i.e. prescription drugs) must obtain a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (ORC 4729.541). More information on this provision can be found at: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/prescribercompound.



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Medical Board's Website Sports New Look



The Medical Board's website is sporting a fresh new look. The updated design is easier to read and navigate on mobile devices and tablets.

The refreshed design has quick links to apply for license, look up a license, or renew a license.

The Monthly Formal Action link on the front page leads to the monthly formal action reports published by the Board. Each report describes the disciplinary actions taken by the Board and explains the basis for the sanction.

We invite you to check out the website at med.ohio.gov.



Acute Pain Prescribing Rules Proposed

Board President, Dr. Amol Soin, joined Governor John R. Kasich and other leadership to announce new limits on prescription opiates on Thursday, March 30. The state began creating its voluntary guidelines in 2012. After close analysis of the state's electronic prescribing data in OARRS, Ohio will now take the next step to update its policies to place commonsense limits on opiate prescribing for acute pain. The changes can lead to an estimated reduction of opiate doses in Ohio by 109 million per year while preserving the ability of clinicians to address pain in a competent and compassionate way. These proposed rules will be discussed by the Medical Board during the April 12 policy committee meeting and then proceed into Ohio's standard rule review and adoption process. Further information and specific prescribing information will be provided by the State Medical Board of Ohio once the rules are finalized, but before they become effective.

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- **All other license holders** with a July 1, 2017 renewal deadline: Consider renewing before June 2 to avoid system outages. Click here to renew: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>. Chrome is the preferred browser for the elicense system.

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Medical Board Adopts Prescribing Rule

The State Medical Board of Ohio adopted the following rules, effective March 23, 2017. The rule number is a link to the rule.

[4731-11-01 Definitions \(for Controlled Substances rules in Chapter 4731-11, Ohio Administrative Code\)](#)

- Definitions of “active patient” and “cross coverage” were added.

[4731-11-09 Prescribing to persons not seen by the physician](#)

- Describes the process and requirements for prescribing or otherwise providing drugs to patients who are at a location remote from the physician, more commonly known as telemedicine.

The rules apply to all physician assistants who have prescribing authority and all physicians.

Rothermel Reappointed to Medical Board

Governor Kasich recently reappointed Kim G. Rothermel, MD, of Columbus, to the Medical Board. Dr. Rothermel served on the Board from May 19, 2014 until March 18, 2017. Her new term of service began March 20, 2017 and continues until March 18, 2022.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Rules – Comments Due April 7, 2017

The State Medical Board of Ohio has filed proposed actions concerning rules with the Common Sense Initiative Office. The proposals are available for your comment.

A state rule-making agency may propose to adopt a new rule, amend or rescind an existing rule, or propose to continue a rule without any changes. Executive Order 2011-01K and Sections 107.62 and 121.82, Ohio Revised Code, require state agencies to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community, and provide an opportunity for the affected public to provide input on the proposed rules. The Business Impact Analysis for the proposed rules discusses the purpose of the rule and identifies the nature of the adverse impact on licensees. The Common Sense Initiative review must be completed before the rules can begin the formal rule-making process through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.



Public comment is being sought for the following rules:

(The rule number is a link to the rule and the Business Impact Analysis filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office.)

[Chapter 4731-32: Medical Marijuana
Physician CSI Business Impact Analysis](#)

Comments on the proposed rules must be received no later than **April 7, 2017**. Please send comments to the Medical Board **and** to the Common Sense Initiative Office.

Please provide comments to **both** of the following:

Medical Board at: MedicalMarijuana@med.ohio.gov

Common Sense Initiative Office at: csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov

***Proposed Rule – Massage Therapy Continuing Education
Comments Due April 11, 2017***

The Medical Board has also filed proposed rule 4731-1-24 with the Common Sense Initiative Office. (The rule number is a link to the rule and related documents.)

[4731-1-24: Massage therapy continuing education](#)

Comments on the proposed rules must be received no later than **April 11, 2017**. Please send comments to the Medical Board **and** to the Common Sense Initiative Office.

Please provide comments to **both** of the following:

Medical Board at: Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov

Common Sense Initiative Office at: csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov



Board Seeks Comments Regarding Proposed Acute Pain Rules

The Medical Board is accepting comments on proposed amendments to two existing rules and a proposed new rule that will limit initial opioid analgesic prescriptions for acute pain to 5 days for minors and 7 days for adults. The rules also include a 30MED average daily dose limit.

- (1) [Rule 4731-11-01](#) Definitions
Amended by adding definitions for acute pain, morphine equivalent dose, minor, extended-release or long-acting opioid analgesic, opioid analgesic, palliative care and terminal condition.
- (2) [Rule 4731-11-02](#) General Provisions
Amended by adding a requirement that physicians and physician assistants must follow Rules 4729-5-30 and 4729-5-13, Ohio Administrative Code. This will include the requirement that prescriptions for controlled substances will need to include the diagnosis.
- (3) [New Rule 4731-11-13](#) Prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain
 - Limits prescriptions for opioid analgesics to treat acute pain to no more than a seven-day supply for adults and a five-day supply for minors. If the physician determines that the pain is expected to persist for longer than seven days, the physician may prescribe for a longer period, but the reason for exceeding the limits and for prescribing an opioid analgesic must be documented in the patient's medical record.
 - Requires that the patient and the parent or guardian of a minor patient is advised of the benefits and risks of the opioid analgesic, including the potential for addiction.
 - Clarifies that the rule does not apply to the treatment of patients receiving hospice or palliative care, cancer and terminal illness, or medication assisted treatment for addiction.

Send comments to Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov by Friday, April 28, 2017.

OARRS Site Registration Downtime April 20-25, 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR OARRS ACCOUNT

The Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) is upgrading to the PMP AWAxRxE software platform on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**.

On April 20, 2017, the OARRS registration function will be disabled to allow for the upgrade to the new system. Anyone wishing to register for an OARRS account should register prior to April 20, 2017.

For additional information about the upcoming transition, including information regarding the transfer of your OARRS account, please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSupdate



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- All other license holders with a July 1, 2017 renewal deadline: Consider renewing before June 2 to avoid system outages. Click here to renew: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>. Chrome is the preferred browser for the elicense system.

Renewing early does not change future license expiration dates.

Paper licensure applications for MD, DO, DPM and training certificates will not be accepted after June 19.

***Proposed Creation of Confidential Monitoring Program
Comments Due May 1, 2017***

The State Medical Board of Ohio (“Medical Board”) invites interested parties to comment on proposed rules that will create a non-disciplinary, confidential monitoring program that allows licensees with mental or physical illnesses, other than substance use disorders, to be monitored by the Medical Board without being subjected to formal public disciplinary action. The program will be entirely within the Medical Board’s investigative process and overseen by the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Medical Board.

If the proposed confidential monitoring program is created, there will be three possible results should the Medical Board receive a complaint alleging that an applicant or licensee is unable to safely practice due to mental or physical illness, excluding substance use disorders. The three possibilities are: (1) the complaint is closed after review, with no public disclosure; (2) the individual is entered into the confidential monitoring program, with no public disclosure; or (3) formal disciplinary action against the individual is proposed, with the action being publicly disclosed. The proposed rules are as follows:

[4731-28-02](#) Eligibility for confidential monitoring program

[4731-28-03](#) Participation in the confidential monitoring program

[4731-28-04](#) Disqualification from continued participation in the confidential monitoring program

[4731-28-05](#) Termination of the participation agreement for the confidential monitoring program

Send comments to Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov by Monday, May 1, 2017.



IMPORTANT – License Renewal Information – System Downtime

If your license expires July 1, you are strongly encouraged to renew **NOW**. The State Medical Board of Ohio will be changing online licensure websites in June 2017. All systems are anticipated to be unavailable from June 2 – June 19. **You will not be able to renew your license during the outage.**

- Physicians and Training Certificate holders with an approaching renewal deadline: You are strongly encouraged to renew your license BEFORE June 2. Log on to <https://license.ohio.gov> to get started. Chrome will not work properly with the physician online renewal website.
- All other license holders with a July 1, 2017 renewal deadline: Consider renewing before June 2 to avoid system outages. Click here to renew: <https://elicense.ohio.gov>.

Renewing early does not change future license expiration dates. Paper licensure applications for MD, DO, DPM and training certificates will not be accepted after June 19.

Comments Sought Regarding Proposed Acute Pain Rules

Public comment is sought regarding the Medical Board's proposed rules for Prescribing of Opioid Analgesics for Acute Pain. The proposed rules and the related business impact analysis have been filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office as part of the rule-making process.

Prescribing of Opioid Analgesics for Acute Pain

- (1) [Rule 4731-11-01:](#) Definitions (related to controlled substances)
- (2) [Rule 4731-11-02:](#) General Provisions (related to controlled substances)
- (3) [Rule 4731-11-13:](#) Prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain

[Business Impact Analysis](#) This document discusses the purpose of the rules and identifies the nature of the adverse impact on licensees.

Comments on the proposed rules must be received no later than **May 26, 2017**. Please send comments to the Medical Board *and* to the Common Sense Initiative Office.

Please provide comments to both of the following:

- Medical Board at: Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov
- Common Sense Initiative at: csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov



OARRS Site Update

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy updated their Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) last month to a new software platform. While every attempt was made to ensure a smooth transition, the Pharmacy Board is aware of some access issues and is working diligently to correct these issues.

For those currently experiencing access issues, please be aware of the following:

- The new system uses e-mail addresses rather than user names. If you do not recall the e-mail address linked to your OARRS account, you will have to contact the Pharmacy Board at 614-466-4143 option 1, or by email at info@ohiopmp.gov. Due to the upgrade, we are experiencing higher volumes of phone calls and emails than usual. We will address your issue as soon as we can.
- The new system cannot import your previous password. All users are required to reset their passwords when they login for the first time. To reset your password, use the Password Reset link on the login page. If your account is not able to be found, please register for a new account. If you are otherwise unable to reset your password, please call the Pharmacy Board at 614-466-4143 option 1.

For all other OARRS inquiries:

Technical Support
844-464-4767

Account Inquiries
614-466-4143

Ohio's 2017 Opiate Conference: Bridge to Recovery
ASAM Buprenorphine Training – June 12-13, 2017

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is sponsoring an ASAM Buprenorphine Course, during ***Ohio's 2017 Opiate Conference: Bridges to Recovery*** on June 12 and 13, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. ***Registration fees for physicians attending the course will be reimbursed by ODMHAS once the physician receives his/her waiver.*** Please read the following invitation from Mark Hurst, MD, Medical Director:

Dear Colleagues,

With the opioid crisis severely affecting our communities, including high relapse rates and increasing overdose deaths, it is crucial for us as health care professionals, to work toward increasing the availability of medically-assisted treatment for opioid disorders. Currently there is a shortage of physicians in Ohio who can provide buprenorphine treatment for opioid use disorders. Buprenorphine maintenance therapy can be applied in routine clinical care, including primary care and psychiatry, to treat individuals with prescription opioid or heroin addiction. With increasing prevalence of opioid use disorders and overdose deaths in Ohio, it is imperative that we increase treatment resources for these individuals.

The Drug Abuse Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) specifies training is necessary for physicians to obtain a waiver to engage in office-based treatment of opioid use disorders using drugs approved by the FDA on Schedules III, IV, and V.



Therefore, to meet the need for increased treatment resources, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, as well as the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center are offering a course provided through the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) to provide prescribers with the required education necessary to apply for the waiver to engage in office-based treatment of opioid disorders. The ASAM Buprenorphine Course addresses FDA requirements using a curriculum approved by CSAT/SAMHSA and ASAM, one of the national organizations named in the DATA 2000 legislation as eligible to prepare and administer these courses.

As a call to physicians, I encourage you to sign up for the ASAM Buprenorphine Course. This course will be taking place during *Ohio's 2017 Opiate Conference: Bridges to Recovery* on June 12 and June 13.

Over the two days, attendees will have the opportunity to receive their DATA 2000 waiver training as well as hear from keynote speakers and various breakout sessions.

Additionally, please note that The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has agreed to support a reimbursement of the registration fee for eligible attendees who can:

1. Provide documentation that they have received a DEA Waiver to prescribe Buprenorphine products.
2. Indicate a willingness to prescribe MAT in their practice setting.

I hope you will consider attending the course, to boost much needed treatment resources within and across our communities. To register for the conference or the training go to:

http://www.oacbha.org/ohios_2017_opiate_conference.php

If you have any questions, contact Alaina Herrel at aherrel@oacbha.org or 614-224-1111.

HealthScene Ohio – Spring 2017

HealthScene Ohio, the Medical Board's quarterly magazine, is now available. The [Spring 2017 issue](#) includes articles on prescribing fitness, reducing sepsis mortality rates through education, addressing migraine headaches, polyp prevention, maintaining healthy eyesight and innovative cardiothoracic surgery.



Holiday Closure



The Medical Board's offices are closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 due to the Memorial Day holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30th.



eLicense System Transition Complete

Conversion of physician information to the eLicense platform was completed on Monday, June 19. **Paper applications and checks are no longer accepted.** All MD, DO, DPM, training certificate and supervision agreement applications, renewals and fees are now processed online in the eLicense system. These groups join allied professionals already operating in the eLicense system. The Medical Board appreciates your patience while the data conversion took place.

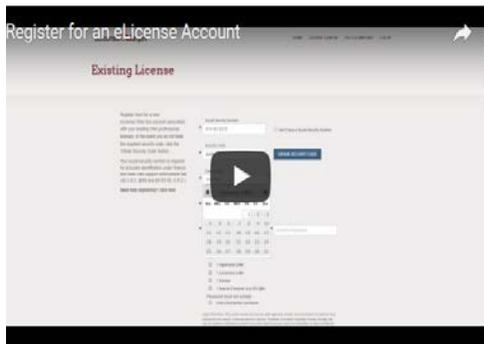
Extended Customer Service Hours

The Medical Board will be offering extended service hours on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist licensees in navigating the new eLicense portal. During these special hours call 614-466-3934 or email contact@med.ohio.gov.

eLicense Video Instructions Available

The Medical Board created short YouTube videos to help applicants and licensees learn how to navigate the eLicense system. Access the videos through the Board's website (med.ohio.gov) or click on the following links:

For help in registering for an account in the eLicense portal:
<https://youtu.be/22mYMCgLCsQ>



Instructions for first-time MD, DO, DPM or Training Certificate applicants:
<https://youtu.be/8wgZe8y4WAE>





Public Rules Hearing Set for Proposed Acute Pain Rules

A public rules hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 26 at 10 a.m. in the Lobby Hearing Room, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad Street, 1st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed rules.

The proposed rules relate to prescribing controlled substances and prescribing opiate analgesics for acute pain. Click [here](#) to review the proposed rules.

New and Amended Rules Effective June 30, 2017

The Medical Board adopted the following new and amended rules regarding podiatric licensure and pain management clinics. The rules are effective on June 30, 2017.

CHAPTER 431-12 PODIATRIC LICENSURE:

4731-12-01	Preliminary education for licensure in podiatric medicine and surgery
4731-12-02	Standing of college of podiatric medicine and surgery
4731-12-04	Eligibility for licensure in podiatric medicine and surgery by endorsement from another state
4731-12-05	Application procedures for licensure in podiatric medicine and surgery
4731-12-06 (NEW RULE)	Visiting podiatric faculty certificates
4731-12-07	Podiatric training certificates

Rule 4731-12-03, Eligibility for the examination in podiatric medicine and surgery; passing average, was filed as a “no change” rule and will continue without having to be re-adopted

CHAPTER 4731-29 PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS:

4731-29-01	Standards and procedure for the operation of a pain management clinic
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Pharmacy Board Extends Deadline for OBOT Licensure

The requirement to obtain a license as a terminal distributor with an office-based opioid treatment classification has been extended and now takes effect on **October 31, 2017**. The extension of the licensure deadline will allow the Pharmacy Board additional time to review and process license applications.

A copy of the Pharmacy Board’s resolution authorizing the extension can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/obot.

As a reminder, the OBOT application can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OBOTapplication.



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 practice, internal medicine, and psychiatry. Interested 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 CV to contact@med.ohio.gov.

Holiday Closure



The Medical Board's offices are closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day. The office will reopen at Wednesday, July 5 at 8 a.m.

Lead Care Devices Alert

Until further notice, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) does not recommend the use of Magellan Diagnostics' LeadCare® analyzers (LeadCare, LeadCare II, LeadCare Ultra and LeadCare Plus) to analyze any venous blood samples for the concentration of lead in human blood, regardless of the patient's age or health condition. Laboratories should continue using LeadCare® analyzers on capillary blood samples collected by fingerstick or heelstick.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a safety communication warning about the use of these analyzers with venous blood samples because they might result in falsely low test results.

Also, please note that ODH does not accept venous blood lead test results analyzed on LeadCare analyzers as confirmatory blood lead tests results (OAC. 3701-30-03, paragraph C, Blood Lead Screening Tests). Venous blood samples must be analyzed by an Ohio-approved laboratory using other analytical devices to confirm a child's blood lead level at or above 5 micrograms per deciliter. All venous samples analyzed on LeadCare devices are treated as if they are capillary samples, which require confirmation testing by a different analytical device.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that healthcare providers re-test children who:

- Are younger than 6 years (72 months) of age at the time of the FDA alert (May 17, 2017); and
- Had a venous blood lead test result of less than 10 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) analyzed using a LeadCare® analyzer.

CDC also recommends that healthcare providers re-test currently pregnant or lactating women who had a venous blood lead test performed using a LeadCare® analyzer.



eLicense Conversion – Form Changes – Online Applications ONLY

Form changes: Please be aware that as part of the eLicense conversion, the Medical Board has updated forms required for licensure and renewal. Please be sure to download the current versions from the website, med.ohio.gov and avoid using any old versions you may have saved to your computer.

No more paper applications: Paper applications for all license types, including training certificates, are no longer accepted. The Board will return any paper applications submitted. All licensure and renewal applications must be submitted online.

Physician Assistant Supervision Agreements – eLicense Changes

Revised Code Section 4730.19 requires a supervising physician to submit a copy of each PA supervision agreement to the Board. The only acceptable means of submission is now eLicense. Submissions by mail, fax, or email will not be accepted.

In the new eLicense system, PA supervision agreements must be created by the supervising physician. You must be sure that each PA's license number is added as a "party to the agreement." This requirement is in addition to uploading the signed supervision agreement.

The Supervision Agreements must also be managed and amended (i.e. adding or deleting a PA) through the eLicense portal.

Instructions and forms are posted on the Medical Board's website (med.ohio.gov). Select "Apply for a License", then click on Physician Assistant. Watch the short video before you begin:

<https://youtu.be/X9aJVbdUYkY>



ODH Grant Funding Opportunity

The Ohio Department of Health, Violence and Injury Prevention Program would like to make interested parties aware of a funding opportunity to **coordinate a large scale quality improvement project to increase uptake of Ohio's acute and chronic pain management guidelines in primary care settings**. This is a competitive application process, and the details of the solicitation can be found at this link – <https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=13723>.

The objective of this project is to support prescribers in the primary care setting by implementing practice-wide and provider-specific strategies that operationalize the Ohio prescribing guidelines for acute pain and chronic pain into practice-wide systems. The results of this project will ultimately include acute and chronic pain guideline implementation guidance, tools, and resources that can be replicated in any Ohio primary care setting.

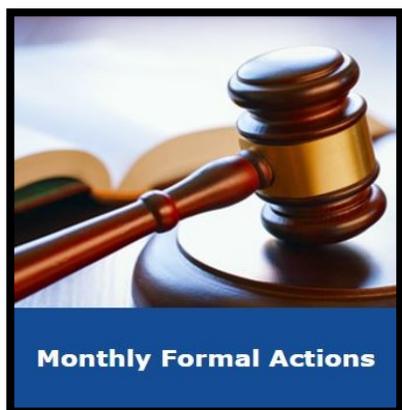


OARRS Now Connects with Pennsylvania

Ohio prescribers and pharmacists can now request patient prescription information from Pennsylvania through Ohio's prescription monitoring program, known as the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). This addition closes the loop, and OARRS users can access controlled substance prescribing information from neighboring states West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan.

In addition, OARRS users can access patient data from Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia.

Monthly Formal Action Reports



The Monthly Formal Action report includes summary descriptions of the disciplinary actions initiated and the disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Medical Board at its monthly meeting.

Reports also contain updated information regarding changes in probationary monitoring requirements, reinstatement of licenses following suspension, and status reports of Board action cases on appeal through the courts.

View the reports posted on the Medical Board's website:
<http://med.ohio.gov/Publications/MonthlyFormalAction.aspx>



Physician Licensure Fee Reduced – Training Certificates Valid Three Years

The Medical Board is proud to announce two changes impacting physician applicants and those with training certificates that go into effect on Friday, September 29, 2017.

Physician licensure application fee reduced: HB49, the budget bill, included a provision to **cut** the initial license application fee for MD, DO and DPM from \$335 to \$305.

Training Certificates valid for three years: Training certificates will now be valid for three years instead of one year. Training certificates issued from September 29 will be valid until 2020. Training certificates issued before September 29 expire in 2018. For example: If the training certificate is renewed in 2018, the certificate will be valid for three more years. Questions can be sent to certificates@med.ohio.gov.

Acute Pain Rules – Video and Fact Sheet

New rules for prescribing opioid analgesics for the treatment of acute pain went into effect on August 31, 2017. These rules DO NOT apply to the use of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. We invite you to view the short video and read the fact sheet about the rules available on the [Prescriber Resources section of the Medical Board’s website](#).





Informed Consent for Investigational Drug, Product, or Device

R.C. 4731.97(I) requires the State Medical Board to create a template of an informed consent form for investigational drugs, products, or devices. The [template on the State Medical Board website](#) is a model to be used by a treating physician in securing a patient's informed consent to treatment of a terminal condition with an investigational drug, product, or device. A treating physician may make formatting or stylistic changes to the form, but must include all of components required by [R.C. 4731.97](#).

MAT Workforce Development

The 21st Century CURES Act recognizes that states need significant help to combat the opioid epidemic across the nation. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has received \$26 million per year under this grant. One of several core principles of the CURES Act focuses on the development and maintenance of a skilled workforce that can prescribe buprenorphine for medication assisted treatment (MAT).

OhioMHAS will provide 47 in-person DEA DATA 2000 Waiver trainings. Physicians completing the course requirements and obtaining their certificate of completion with a DEA-X number will be reimbursed \$1,300. Nurse practitioners and Physician Assistants will receive \$750 if they complete the requirements and obtain their license.

The first training will be held at the Health Collaborative in Cincinnati on 10/13-14. Trainers from the American Society of Addiction Medicine will provide the first day of training. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

Additional trainings are being set up for the following locations/dates: Oct. 28-29, location TBD; Nov. 3-4, location TBD; Nov. 7-8 Metro Health, Cleveland. Additional registration links will be live soon. Email Christine Sielski, CURES Treatment Manager at Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov) if you would like more information in the meantime.

Terminal Distributor License of Office-Based Opioid Treatment

Effective October 31, 2017, all locations that treat more than 30 individuals for opioid dependence or addiction using a controlled substance are required to obtain a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Please be advised that there are some exemptions to this requirement. More information on this provision, and the link to the application form, can be found by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OBOT.



License Renewal Reminders

Renewal confirmation includes printable wallet card:

When a licensee successfully completes the renewal application and pays the required fee, an automated email is sent. A confirmation letter is attached to the email that includes a printable wallet card for your reference. However, the fastest way to provide proof of your Ohio license is to use the Verify a License feature on elicense.ohio.gov. That license information can also be printed or converted to pdf for use as a wallet card.

Address information: Please be aware that licensee address information is public information and is included on the roster of licensees published by the Medical Board.

Renewal fee itemized: The physician licensure renewal fee is \$305. The fee payment in the eLicense system is now itemized to identify \$285 to support Medical Board operations and \$20 to support the Physician Loan Repayment Program (PLRP). This is not a new fee and the total renewal fee has not changed.

The Physician Loan Repayment Program has been in Ohio law since November 1995 and is managed by the Primary Care Office of the Ohio Department of Health. The program provides loan repayment assistance to physicians who commit to practice in underserved areas.

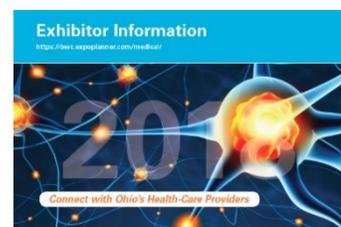
eLicense Transaction Fee: As of July 1, 2017, a \$3.50 eLicense transaction fee is charged to all license transactions that result in the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license served by the eLicense Ohio portal. The revenue generated from this fee is paid to the State of Ohio and supports the operational and maintenance costs of the eLicense Ohio portal. Licensing boards do not receive revenue from this eLicense System Transaction Fee. This fee is nonrefundable.

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BWC Exhibitors Wanted

Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium will take place March 8-9, 2018. Exhibit opportunities are now available. Interested parties should visit the BWC website for more information.





Proposed Limited Branch and Physician CME Rules

Public comment is being sought on the following proposed Medical Board rules filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office. The Business Impact Analysis and the proposed rules can be found [here](#). Comments on any of the rules should be submitted no later than October 16, 2017 to both the Medical Board (Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov) And the Common Sense Initiatives (csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov).

Limited Branch Rules

- 4731-1-03** General prohibitions. No changes proposed.
- 4731-1-04** Scope of practice: mechanotherapy. Proposed to be amended.
- 4731-1-05** Scope of practice: massage therapy. Proposed to be amended to reflect that wallet cards are no longer issued.
- 4731-1-06** Scope of practice: naprapathy. No changes proposed.
- 4731-1-07** Eligibility of electrologists licensed by the Ohio state board of cosmetology to obtain licensure as cosmetic therapists pursuant to Chapter 4731 of the Revised Code and subsequent limitation. No changes proposed.
- 4731-1-09** Cosmetic therapy curriculum requirements. No changes proposed.
- 4731-1-10** Distance Education. Proposed to be amended.
- 4731-1-15** Determination of standing of school, college, or institution. Proposed to be amended.
- 4731-1-17** Instructional staff in Ohio cosmetic therapy and massage therapy programs. Proposed to be amended.

Physician CME Rules

Proposed amendments permit physicians to earn up to 33 hours of Category 2 CME credit per renewal cycle for providing volunteer health services to indigent or uninsured patients and the documentation requirements needed to claim this credit.

- 4731-10-02** Requisite hours of continuing medical education for license renewal or reinstatement.
- 4731-10-08** Evidence of continuing medical education.
- 4731-10-09** Continuing medical education requirement for mid-term licensees.
- 4731-10-10** Continuing medical education requirements following licensure restoration.

Holiday Closure



The Medical Board's offices are closed on Monday, October 9 for the Columbus Day holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10.



Acute Pain Rules - August 31, 2017 Effective Date

Effective August 31, 2017, the State of Ohio will have new rules for prescribing opioid analgesics for the treatment of acute pain. Please be advised, these rules **DO NOT** apply to the use of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain.

In general, the rules limit the prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain, as follows:

1. No more than seven days of opioids can be prescribed for adults.
2. No more than five days of opioids can be prescribed for minors, and only after the written consent of the parent or guardian is obtained.
3. Health care providers may prescribe opioids in excess of the day supply limits only if they provide a specific reason in the patient's medical record.
4. Except as provided for in the rules, the total morphine equivalent dose (MED) of a prescription for acute pain cannot exceed an average of 30 MED per day.
5. The new limits do not apply to opioids prescribed for cancer, palliative care, end-of-life/hospice care or medication-assisted treatment for addiction.

To assist prescribers in calculating a patient's morphine equivalent dose, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy developed a conversion chart that can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/MEDtable.

Medical Board Acute Pain Rules

1. [4731-11-01](#) - Definitions (related to controlled substances)
2. [4731-11-02](#) - General provisions (related to controlled substances)
3. [4731-11-13](#) - Prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain

Prescription Changes Coming in December 2017

ICD10 Diagnosis Code on Opioid Prescriptions
as of December 29, 2017

Starting December 29, 2017, Pharmacy Board rule [4729-5-30](#) will require prescribers to include the first four characters (ex. M16.5) of the diagnosis code (ICD-10) on opioid prescriptions, which will be entered by the pharmacy into Ohio's prescription monitoring program, OARRS. This requirement will take effect for all other controlled substance prescriptions on June 1, 2018.

Day Supply Prescription Requirement effective
December 29, 2017

Starting December 29, 2017, Pharmacy Board rule [4729-5-30](#) will also require prescribers to indicate the number of days supplied on all controlled substance and gabapentin prescriptions.



eLicense Data Conversion – License Renewal Deadlines

The October 1, 2017 license renewal deadline is fast approaching for MD, DO, DPM, MT and CT licensees with a last name starting with **T-U-V-W-X-Y or Z**. January 1, 2018 is the deadline for those with last names ending in **S**.

The Medical Board has completed the data conversion to the eLicense portal. All initial licensure applications and license renewals are now processed through the portal. Renewal instructions, and a short “how to” video, are available through the “Renew a License:” link on the [Medical Board's website](#).

Renewal fee itemized: The physician licensure renewal fee is \$305. The fee payment in the eLicense system is now itemized to identify \$285 to support Medical Board operations and \$20 to support the Physician Loan Repayment Program (PLRP). This is not a new fee and the total renewal fee has not changed.

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Board Adopts Rules - August 31, 2017 Effective Date

The Medical Board approved rules addressing medical or osteopathic licensure; drug treatment of chronic pain; training certificates; emeritus registration; and mental or physical impairment. The following amended or new rules will be effective on August 31, 2017.

Click on the Ohio Administrative Code chapter number to read the rules. New or amended wording is underlined. Deleted language is lined out.

The following rules in [Chapter 4731-6](#) relate to medical or osteopathic physician licensure:

- 4731-6-01 Definitions
 - 4731-6-05 Format of medical and osteopathic examination
 - 4731-6-10 Clinical competency examination
 - 4731-6-21 Application procedures for certificate issuance; investigation; notice of hearing rights
 - 4731-6-22 Abandonment and withdrawal of medical and osteopathic licensure applications
 - 4731-6-30 Training certificates
 - 4731-6-32 Visiting faculty certificates
 - 4731-6-33 Special activity certificates
 - 4731-6-34 Volunteer's certificates
- NOTE: The following are unchanged: 4731-6-02, 4731-6-03, 4731-6-04, 4731-6-07, 4731-6-14, 4731-6-15, 4731-6-16, and 4731-6-31*



The following rules in [Chapter 4731-21](#) concern the drug treatment of chronic pain

- 4731-21-01 Definitions
 - 4731-21-02 Utilizing prescription drugs for the treatment of chronic pain
 - 4731-21-03 Continuing medical education
 - 4731-21-04 Tolerance, physical dependence and addiction
 - 4731-21-06 Exceptions
- NOTE: The following is unchanged: 4731-21-05*

The following rules in [Chapter 4731-22](#) concern emeritus registration (applies to MD, DO, DPM, MT & CT licensees only)

- 4731-22-01 Definitions
 - 4731-22-02 Application
 - 4731-22-07 Change to active status
- NOTE: The following are unchanged: 4731-22-03, 4731-22-04, 4731-22-06, 4731-22-08.a*

The following [rule](#) concerns mental or physical impairment:

- 4731-28-01 Mental or physical impairment

Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2017

The State Medical Board of Ohio published its annual report in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. The report summarizes the activities of the Board between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

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



Medical Marijuana Rules – Effective September 8, 2017

The Medical Board approved Medical Marijuana Rules which will go into effect September 8, 2017. The rules address

1. The procedures that a physician must follow when applying for a certificate to recommend
2. The conditions that must be met to be eligible for a certificate to recommend
3. The schedule and procedures for renewing a certificate to recommend;
4. The reasons for which a certificate to recommend may be suspended or revoked
5. The standards under which a certificate to recommend suspension may be lifted
6. The minimal standards of care when recommending treatment with medical marijuana



medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov

This website is official resource for the Medical Marijuana Control Program. This site is designed to keep Ohioans informed about the development of regulations and rules regarding Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program.

The website addresses cultivation, processing, testing, dispensaries, certificates to recommend, and patient & caregiver registration. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are also provided on these topics.

HealthScene Ohio – Summer 2017

[HealthScene Ohio, the Medical Board's quarterly magazine, is now available.](#) The Summer 2017 issue features articles on preventing burnout, surgery helping those with cerebral palsy, radiologists do more than taken x-rays, overcoming the opioid epidemic, combating treatment-resistant cancer, addressing IBS, SIBO and gut health, causes of chronic pelvic pain, and robotic surgery revolutionizes surgical procedures.



Holiday Closure



The Medical Board's offices are closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the state holiday. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.



Physician CME Deadline Changes

Physicians are required to complete a specific number of CMEs for renewal. Previously, those CMEs had to be completed ahead of the actual license renewal date. However, recent legislative changes have aligned the CME cycle with the effective/expiration date of your license (effective September 29, 2017). To aid in a smooth transition to this new timeline: if you completed a CME within your former CME cycle, it will be considered to count toward fulfillment of the requirements of the current CME cycle. Contact med.renewal@med.ohio.gov if you have any questions. Visit eLicense.ohio.gov to look up your expiration date.



CME Audit Process Update

Even though the due date for required CMEs has been adjusted, please remember to track and collect documentation of educational events throughout the two-year cycle. Pursuant to section 4731.282 of the Ohio Revised Code, if the Board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing medical education did not complete the requisite continuing medical education, the Board may permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing medical education and pay a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars. Such an agreement is non-disciplinary and is offered as an alternative means of resolution to that of a disciplinary proceeding under section 4731.22 and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code.

Terminal Distributor License for Office-Based Opioid Treatment

The requirement to obtain a license as a terminal distributor with an office-based opioid treatment classification has been extended and now takes effect on **November 30, 2017**.

On January 4, 2017, SB 319 was signed by Governor Kasich. A provision of this new law requires any location where a prescriber is treating more than 30 individuals for opioid dependence or addiction using a controlled substance to obtain a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with an office-based opioid treatment classification. This applies to practices where prescriptions for controlled substances are issued for opioid addiction/dependence and the patient receives medication at a pharmacy, not just those with medication on-site. For more information on this requirement, visit: pharmacy.ohio.gov/OBOT.



Prescribing for Acute Pain
Additional Guidance Available

On August 31, 2017 new rules became effective for prescriptions written for the treatment of acute pain. The State Medical Board of Ohio has compiled a collection of the most frequently asked questions. Guidance based upon those inquiries are now available on the website, med.ohio.gov under Prescriber Resources. [Click here](#) for a direct link.

Guidance for Rule 4731-11-09
Prescribing to Patients Not Seen by the Physician

Medical Board Rule 4731-11-09 describes the circumstances under which a physician or physician assistant can prescribe medication to a patient whom the physician or physician assistant has never personally examined when the patient is at a different location from the prescriber. Although most frequently referred to as the “telemedicine prescribing” rule, 4731-11-09 applies in all situations where the physician or physician assistant is in one location and the patient is in another and the physician or physician assistant has never personally examined the patient. The Board created an extensive Frequently Asked Questions document to address the numerous inquiries received. [Click here](#) to view the FAQ document posted under Resources/Prescriber Resources on med.ohio.gov.

National Drug Take Back Day



The Drug Enforcement Administration is sponsoring National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Click here](#) to access the community tool kit and find a collection site in your area. You may search by zip code or city/state.



Monthly Formal Action Reports

The Monthly Formal Action report includes summary descriptions of the disciplinary actions initiated and the disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Medical Board at its monthly meeting. [The reports are available on the Medical Board's website.](#)

November Holiday Closures

The Medical Board office will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day and again on November 23 for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 24.

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Prescribing Opioids for Acute Pain Rules- Phase 2

Ohio's [rules for prescribing opioids to address acute pain](#) took effect in Aug. 2017. Starting Dec. 29, 2017 prescribers are required to include the ICD-10 code on prescriptions for opioids to treat acute pain. If you have not yet confirmed that your EMR and/or e-prescribing vendor(s) can support automated placement of the ICD-10 code on prescriptions, it is strongly suggested that you contact them immediately. If your EMR system is not able to automate the code by Dec. 29, 2017, you can simply add the ICD-10 numbers into the comment section on the prescription or write it in manually. The State Medical Board has [provided information on the new acute prescribing rules](#) over the past four months, and will be releasing additional educational information next month about the new rule requirements.

[Learn More](#)

New Board Member

The State Medical Board of Ohio is pleased to announce the appointment of our newest board member, Betty Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery previously served for twenty-six years in the following elected positions: Ohio Auditor of State (2003-07); Ohio Attorney General (1995-03); State Senator for District 2 (1989-95); and Wood County Prosecuting Attorney (1981-89). Ms. Montgomery's term officially began on Nov. 15, 2017, and ends July 31, 2022.

Scientific Breakthroughs to Curb Drug Abuse & Addiction

Ohio is looking for new ideas to be brought to the fight against the U.S. opioid crisis through the Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge. This global challenge is seeking new approaches and technology solutions whether they be from regular citizens or researchers and scientists. Responses for the idea phase of the Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge are due by Dec. 15, 2017 at 5 p.m.



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Survey Club Advertisement Emails

Many medical board licensees have been receiving emails from Survey Club. Please be advised, this organization is in NO way affiliated with the medical board. Ohio law requires the board to publish a roster of all licensees including contact information and license number. Survey Club is using this public information and saying they "received your license information from the State Medical Board of Ohio."

Acupuncture Services Through Medicaid

Medicaid provider requirements, coverage and payment information for

acupuncture services can be found in Ohio Administrative Code, when the rule becomes effective on January 1, 2018. Practitioners will be able to enroll as Acupuncturists or another type of Medicaid provider with an acupuncture specialty (e.g., chiropractor with an acupuncture specialty, physician assistant with an acupuncture specialty) starting mid-December 2017. If the practitioner is already a Medicaid provider, the provider may request an acupuncture provider type specialty (023) by sending a written request along with supporting documentation to Medicaid_provider_update@medicaid.ohio.gov . Since most individuals covered by Medicaid are enrolled with a Medicaid managed care plan (MCP), practitioners will also need to reach out to each MCP to learn about their provider enrollment and claims submission processes.



Cosmetic Therapy Exam

The next cosmetic therapy exam will be on Dec. 18, 2017. The application deadline is Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

[CT Exam](#)

Health Scene Ohio Magazine

The fall edition of SMBO's magazine, Health Scene Ohio is now available online.

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Ohio's Rules for Acute Pain Opioid Prescribing Phase 2 Effective December 29, 2017



[Quick-Reference Video](#)
[Acute Pain Prescribing Rules- Phase 2](#)

[Issuing a Valid Prescription](#) [What Every Prescriber Needs To Know](#)



ICD-10 Required on Opioid Analgesic Prescriptions

Prescribers are required to indicate the first four alphanumeric characters of the ICD-10-CM medical diagnosis code (ex. M16.5) on all opioid analgesic prescriptions. The diagnosis/procedure code requirements are effective for all opioid prescriptions beginning December 29, 2017. If your EHR system cannot generate the ICD-10 code automatically, simply write or type in the code on the prescription.

Days' Supply Required for Controlled Substance and Gabapentin Prescriptions

Changes in Pharmacy Board Rule 4729-5-30, OAC, require prescribers to include the days' supply (i.e. minimum number of days) that the prescription for a controlled substance or gabapentin should last the patient. This requirement goes into effect on December 29, 2017.

Written, Faxed and Electronic Prescriptions

The Pharmacy Board rule also makes changes to the requirements for written, faxed and electronic prescriptions. Except

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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 the [pharmacy board website](#).

January 1, 2018 License Renewal Deadline

Licenses expire on January 1, 2018 for physicians, massage therapists, and cosmetic therapists with a last name beginning with the letter S.

All renewals are processed online through the elicense.ohio.gov website. Paper applications and personal checks are no longer accepted.

[Start the Renewal](#)

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2018 J-1 Waiver Program Application Cycle

The Ohio Department of Health announced that the 2018 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Application is now available. 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 Supply form as soon as possible. Applications for primary care and behavioral health placements will be accepted until June 30, 2018. All other applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2018. See the Ohio Department of Health [website](#) for more information.

2018 Medical Board Officers

The following members of the Board will serve as officers during calendar year 2018:

- President, Robert P. Giacalone, RPh, JD
- Vice-President, Andrew Schachat, MD
- Secretary, Kim G. Rothermel, MD
- Supervising Member, Bruce Saferin, DPM



Medical board offices will be closed on Monday, January 1 & Monday, January 15

Physician Assistant Rules Under Review

You are invited to review the proposed rule changes and submit comments. The proposed rules showing the amendments are [available on the medical board's website](#). Comments will be accepted through the end of business on January 18, 2018.

[Click Here to See Proposed](#)

[Changes and Submit Comments](#)

The following three rules have been reviewed by the Physician Assistant Policy Committee and the State Medical Board for consistency with current law:

- Rule 4730-1-05: Quality assurance system.
- Rule 4730-2-04: Provisional period of physician-delegated prescriptive authority.
- Rule 4730-2-05: Certificate to prescribe.



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