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***Acute Pain Prescribing Rules Proposed***

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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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***IMPORTANT – License Renewal Information***

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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 so 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. Use a compatible browser such as Internet Explorer or Safari.
- **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.



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### ***Medical Board Adopts Prescribing Rule***

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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.

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### ***Rothermel Reappointed to Medical Board***

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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.

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### ***Proposed Medical Marijuana Rules – Comments Due April 7, 2017***

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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](mailto:MedicalMarijuana@med.ohio.gov)

Common Sense Initiative Office at: [csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov)

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

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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](mailto:Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov)

Common Sense Initiative Office at: [csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov)