



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 access issues and is working 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 30.