State Medical Board of Ohio

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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:
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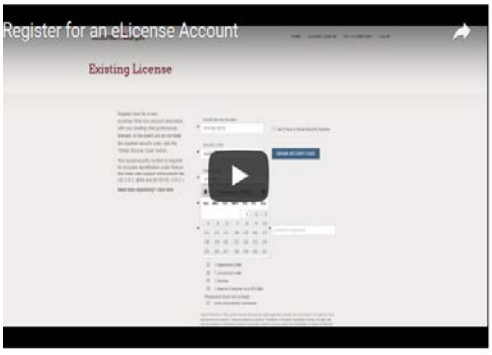

Instructions for first-time MD, DO, DPM or Training Certificate applicants:
https://youtu.be/8wgZe8y4WAE

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

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.