



***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](mailto: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](#).





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### ***Informed Consent for Investigational Drug, Product, or Device***

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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](#).

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### ***MAT Workforce Development***

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The 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov)) if you would like more information in the meantime.

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### ***Terminal Distributor License of Office-Based Opioid Treatment***

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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](http://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](http://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.

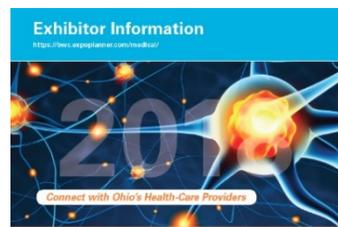
The Physician Loan Repayment Program has been in Ohio law since November 1995 and is managed by the Primary Care Office of the Ohio Department of Health. The program provides loan repayment assistance to physicians who commit to practice in underserved areas.

**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.

If you have questions regarding your license renewal send an email to [med.renewal@med.ohio.gov](mailto:med.renewal@med.ohio.gov).

### **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](http://BWC website) for more information.





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### ***Proposed Limited Branch and Physician CME Rules***

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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](mailto:Sallie.Debolt@med.ohio.gov)) And the Common Sense Initiatives ([csipubliccomments@governor.ohio.gov](mailto: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.

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### ***Holiday Closure***

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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.