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### *Physician CME Deadline Changes*

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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](mailto:med.renewal@med.ohio.gov) if you have any questions. Visit [eLicense.ohio.gov](http://eLicense.ohio.gov) to look up your expiration date.



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### *CME Audit Process Update*

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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.

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

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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](http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/OBOT).



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***Prescribing for Acute Pain***  
***Additional Guidance Available***

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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](http://med.ohio.gov) under Prescriber Resources. [Click here](#) for a direct link.

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

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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.

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***National Drug Take Back Day***

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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.



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### *Monthly Formal Action Reports*

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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.](#)

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### *November Holiday Closures*

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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.