HB 404 PROVISIONS

House Bill 404 was signed by Governor DeWine on November 23, 2020. The provisions related to the extension of the COVID-19 emergency are effective immediately.

- Medical Board licensees who have licenses set to expire during the period of emergency (March 9, 2020 – April 1, 2021) now have until July 1, 2021 to renew their license.
- Medical Board hearings and meetings can continue to be conducted electronically. The board must provide at least 24 hours advance notice of a meeting to the public, media who have requested advance notice and any parties required to be notified.

Despite this renewal extension, all affected licensees are still able to renew at their regularly scheduled deadline. A couple benefits to doing so are:

1. There is no risk of forgetting to do so later resulting in an expired license and having to pay an additional late renewal fee.
2. Staying on the same renewal cycle timeline you are used to. **Whether you renew now or at a later date, your next license renewal date will not change.** For example, if your license is due to expire on January 1, 2021, your next renewal date will be on January 1, 2023, regardless of when you renew during this extension period.

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