

## MBP Spring 2022 eNews Bulletin

This electronic newsletter shall serve as official notice from the Maryland Board of Physicians. It is the responsibility of every licensee to read and understand the contents of this newsletter.



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### NEWS | UPDATES

#### [Physician Licensure Updates](#)

- **Renewal:** The deadline for physicians with last names beginning with A-L to renew their licenses is September 30, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. (EST). The Board will open the [online renewal system](#) for this physician group on July 11, 2022. Any license not renewed by 11:59 pm (EST) on September 30, 2022, will expire, and the physician may not practice until the license is reinstated.
- **Physician Initial Licensure: *Paper Applications Being Discontinued:*** The Board will be removing from its Website the option for the paper version of the physician initial licensure application. As of July 1, 2022, the Board will not accept the paper licensure form. All applications for [physician initial licensure must be completed online](#).

### 2022 Legislative Session



During the Maryland General Assembly session earlier this year, Board staff and Board members reviewed bills to determine the impact on the Board and its licensees. Visit the Board's "[New Laws and Regulations](#)" page on its Website for a snapshot of bills that passed.

### REMINDERS

#### Delegation Agreements for Core Duties - Paper Applications Being **DISCONTINUED**

The Board will be removing from its Website the option for the paper version of the delegation agreement for core duties application. As of July 1, 2022, the Board will not accept paper applications of this delegation agreement. All delegation agreements for core duties must be completed online. A physician assistant (PA) can initiate the online option by logging into the PA's [practitioner profile](#) via the Board's Website.

#### Death Certificates

Maryland law mandates that physicians and physician assistants complete a medical certification within 24 hours after receiving a death certificate. Section 4-212(b)(4) of the Health-General Article, Annotated Code of

## COMAR Updates

The Board has submitted to the Maryland Department of Health proposals to update the following regulations:

- Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.32.01.03 (physician licensure qualifications)
- COMAR 10.32.02.10 (sanctioning guidelines for physicians)
- COMAR 10.32.02.18 (administrative expungement)
- COMAR 10.32.03 (physician assistants)
- COMAR 10.32.05 (telehealth)
- COMAR 10.32.06 (polysomnographers)
- COMAR 10.32.08 (athletic trainers)
- COMAR 10.32.23 (drug dispensing permits)

The Board also started work on proposals to update COMAR chapters regarding naturopathic doctors (COMAR 10.32.21) and radiation therapists, radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, and radiologist assistants (COMAR 10.32.10).

## License Renewals and Implicit Bias Training

Effective April 1, 2022, all Board licensees renewing a license are required to complete an implicit bias training program. This is a one-time requirement. Visit the Board's Website or click to learn more: [Implicit Bias Training Required for 2022 License Renewal](#).

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Association of American Medical Colleges: Monkeypox Guidance for Physicians and Physician Assistants

Click [here](#) for the latest information and resources to plan and prepare for monkeypox virus outbreaks.

Maryland, states: “The medical certification shall be completed within 24 hours after receipt of the death certificate by the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition which resulted in death, except when inquiry is required by the medical examiner.”

Physicians and physician assistants with questions about completing death certificates may wish to utilize the following resources:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
  - a. [Physicians' Handbook on Medical Certification of Death](#)
  - b. [Instructions for Completing the Cause-of-Death Section of the Death Certificate](#)
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner: 410-333-3271 (available 24 hours)
- Vital Statistics Administration (Maryland Electronic Death Registration System) Email: [edrs.help@maryland.gov](mailto:edrs.help@maryland.gov)

## **CME Reporting**

Physicians still may take part in the Board's program that allows accredited continuing education providers to report a physician's credits directly to the Board. The Board launched the voluntary program in November 2021. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) reports that, as of early April 2022, there were 315 unique learners and a total of 3,667.75 credits earned. Click [here](#) for the Board's program announcement.

Need CME credits? Find accredited CME activities at [CMEpassport.org](https://www.cmepassport.org).

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through the Interstate Medical  
Licensure Compact:  
[mbp\\_compact@maryland.gov](mailto:mbp_compact@maryland.gov)

Physician Drug Dispensing Permits:  
[mdh.mbpdrugdispense@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.mbpdrugdispense@maryland.gov)

Physician Assistant Drug Dispensing:  
[mdh.mbpPADispense@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.mbpPADispense@maryland.gov)

## BOARD LINKS OF INTEREST

[Practitioner Profiles](#)  
[Laws and Regulations](#)  
[Recent Board Actions | Sanctions](#)  
[Applications | Forms](#)  
[Board Members](#)

## Oral Health Awareness During Pregnancy



The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office of Oral Health (the Office) is working to expand awareness and knowledge about the importance of oral health during pregnancy with the goal of increasing access to oral health care through referrals from prenatal providers. The Office is interested in hearing from providers about the importance of oral health care during pregnancy and learning how the Office can assist providers caring for the oral health of patients. Please share your thoughts with the Office through this three-minute [survey](#).

*\*Submitted by the MDH Office of Oral Health.  
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