

# MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Baltimore, Maryland  
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## Notice: Criminal History Records Check Required

Dear Applicant for Initial License or Reinstatement of License:

A full Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) is a qualification of licensure. The Board may not reinstate or issue a new license to any applicant, physician, or allied health practitioner, if the Board has not received criminal history record information.

A CHRC will include both a State and national criminal history records check conducted by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and will be maintained in the Maryland and FBI database for further identification purposes. Applicants have the right to challenge their records, which is discussed in more detail in the FBI NonCriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights notice ([https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/fbi\\_privacy\\_rights.pdf](https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/fbi_privacy_rights.pdf)). An applicant for initial licensure or reinstatement shall apply to CJIS for a CHRC and the application shall include:

1. Two complete sets of legible fingerprints taken on forms approved by CJIS and the FBI; and
2. Payment of the required fees.

### Timing of CHRCs

The Board recommends that applicants do not submit fingerprints earlier than 6 weeks before the date the applicant/licensee intends to complete the initial license or reinstatement application. The Board is only authorized to retain CHRC information for 90 days. If the CHRC is over 90 days, the applicant will be required to complete a new CHRC.

### Fingerprints

#### **A. For Initial Applicants and Reinstatements**

All applicants for licensure in Maryland will be required to submit fingerprints for the CHRC. In order to be fingerprinted, the fingerprinting entity will need the following Board specific information:

- CJIS Authorization #: 1600000743
- FBI ORI #: MD 920522Z
- Reason Fingerprinted: Professional License
- Type of Check: Governmental Licensing/ Certification

## 1. Within Maryland

- a. Go to an authorized location to be fingerprinted prior to mailing in your application to the Board. For a list of electronic fingerprinting locations go to the following website: <https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>. The Board is not responsible for the list. If there are any concerns about a fingerprinting location, please contact CJIS directly.
- b. Provide the fingerprinting entity the CJIS Authorization number and FBI ORI # provided on page 1 of this letter.
- c. Pay the appropriate fee to the fingerprinting entity.

Once the Board receives the results of the CHRCs, the application process will be completed in accordance to Board regulations and policies.

## 2. Outside of Maryland

- a. Out-of-state applicants have the option of using a Maryland location for fingerprinting. If a Maryland location is used, follow the instructions above for applicants within Maryland. If a location outside of Maryland is used, follow the instructions below.
- b. Either:
  - i. Email CJIS Customer Service at [cjis.customerservice@maryland.gov](mailto:cjis.customerservice@maryland.gov), or
  - ii. Call the Central Repository in Baltimore City at 410-764-4501 or toll-free number 1-888-795-0011 to request fingerprint cards.
- c. Have CJIS Authorization and FBI ORI Board #'s available to complete your submission.
- d. Mail the fingerprint card and the associated fee to 6776 Reisterstown Road, Suite 217, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. For overnight mail, use the same address.
- e. Please include a check or money order payable to "CJIS Central Repository." Once the Board receives the results of the CHRCs, the application process will be completed in accordance with the Board's regulations and policies.

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### **Fees:**

Fees are required for CJIS to process each criminal background record check request. All fees must be paid by credit card, check or cashier's check in United States currency. The Central Repository cannot accept cash.

Do not send any payment to the Board, as it does not conduct CHRCs. For additional information contact CJIS at 410-764-4501 or visit <https://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>.

Questions?

Should you have any questions, concerns, or to check the status of a criminal history record information request, please contact the **CJIS Call Center at 410-764-4501 or 1-888-795-0011**, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Board cannot assist you in this regard.

**\*Please do not contact the Board to verify receipt or submit receipts. The Board will receive the electronic CHRC notifications within 3 – 14 days.**