



MARYLAND Department of Health Board of Physicians

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

October 23, 2018

Dear Licensees,

Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Chair, Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director and the Members of the Maryland Board of Physicians (“Board”) are pleased to announce that the Board has approved a fee reduction that will save its licensees more than \$1.1 million over the next two fiscal years.

The Board has focused on fiscal responsibility and increasing transparency while achieving significant accomplishments such as decreasing timeframes for licensure applications and investigations, implementing Criminal History Records Checks for all applicants and licensees and issuing Opioid Guidelines.

Governor Larry Hogan and Secretary Robert Neall have encouraged all Health Occupation Boards to reduce or eliminate fees when fiscally possible without impacting operations of the agency (<https://governor.maryland.gov/fee-rollbacks/>). In an effort to participate in, and support, the Governor’s Initiative to Rollback Fees, the Maryland Board of Physicians conducted a fiscal analysis of its revenue and expenditures.

As a result, at its meeting on October 17, 2018, **the Board unanimously approved a reduction of the renewal fee for all licensees for the next two fiscal years (2020 and 2021) beginning on July 1, 2019.**

The Board has made great strides in improving operational efficiencies while continuing to fulfill its mission to assure quality health care in Maryland, through the efficient licensure and effective discipline of health providers licensing new professions under its jurisdiction. Subject to its fiscal responsibility obligations, the Board continues to evaluate the feasibility of further fee reductions.

Sincerely,

Damean W. E. Freas, D.O.
Chair

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director