

# MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

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Damean W.E. Freas, D.O., Board Chair  
Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director



## *The Board's Final Newsletter*

### Message from the Chair

Welcome to the final issue of the newsletter of the Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board). The Board is retiring the newsletter and, instead, plans to provide licensees with news and information more frequently through the Board's Website, which was revamped in August 2017 with a new look and easier navigation options.

One of the updated sections of the Website includes resources to assist licensees involved in opioid prescribing. The Board is dedicated to assisting in the fight to combat the opioid crisis in Maryland. As part of this effort, in July 2017, the Board adopted [guidance](#) to post on the Website for physicians and physician assistants to consider when determining whether and how to prescribe opioids.

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## Board Welcomes New Members

The Board is pleased to welcome nine new members: Mark S. Dills, P.A.; Jon S. Frank; Dalila Harvey-Granger, M.D.; Alvin L. Helfenbein, Jr.; Ira Kornbluth, M.D.; Ann Marie Stephenson, D.O.; Maxine E. Turnipseed; Scott Jonathan Wiesenberger, M.D.; and Camille Williams, M.D.

Mr. Dills of Anne Arundel County has joined the Board as the physician assistant member. Mr. Frank of Calvert County, Mr. Helfenbein of Queen Anne's County, and Ms. Turnipseed of Baltimore County are filling three of the consumer member seats on the Board.

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## Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Renamed

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has been renamed the **Maryland Department of Health (MDH)**. The change took effect on July 1, 2017 following passage of legislation earlier this year.

MDH's Website address is [health.maryland.gov](http://health.maryland.gov).



MARYLAND  
Department of Health

# BOARD NEWS AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP

## Board Welcomes New Members

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Dr. Harvey-Granger of Prince George's County is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist. Dr. Kornbluth of Baltimore County specializes in pain medicine. Dr. Stephenson of Montgomery County practices gastroenterology. Dr. Wiesenberger of Howard County specializes in anesthesiology. Dr. Williams of Montgomery County practices radiology. The Board appreciates their willingness to devote their time and effort to serving on the Board. The Board also extends its appreciation to the members who recently completed their service.

## MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

### BOARD MEMBERS

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## Board Chair Message

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The guidance covers five topics: "Before Opioid Prescribing," "When Prescribing (Dosages, Duration, Formulations, Contraindication, etc.)," "Continued Treatment using Opioids," "Red Flags to Consider when Prescribing," and "Substance Use Disorder (Addiction) and Overdose." The guidance is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*. A link to the CDC Website is provided with the Board's guidance.

To access the Board's guidance for opioid prescribing, visit the Board's Website and click on the direct link from the homepage. Or, click on the topic "Resources to address the Opioid Epidemic." This takes visitors to the Board's Overdose Prevention page, which has the new feature "Pain Treatment Toolkit." The toolkit contains the Board's guidance and also offers printable items, such as the "Turn the Tide" pocket card.

The Board also is preparing a Request For Proposals for the development of a continuing medical education course on opioid prescribing. The goal is to offer the course free of charge to licensees.

When possible, please take a few moments to review the new Website and consider sending feedback to the Board. Comments may be sent via e-mail to [mbpmail@rcn.com](mailto:mbpmail@rcn.com). The Board looks forward to hearing from you.

## Executive Director Honored

Board Executive Director Christine A. Farrelly received a Governor's Customer Service Heroes Award for her efforts to resolve a concern raised by a constituent regarding the Controlled Dangerous Substances application process.

Ms. Farrelly and Audrey Clark, director of the Office of Controlled Substances Administration, worked to improve the application process and intra-agency communication. Ms. Clark also was honored. Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford presented the awards to Ms. Farrelly and Ms. Clark in June.

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2017 Maryland General Assembly session concluded at midnight on Monday, April 9. Legislators considered more than 2,800 bills and resolutions, plus the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Board staff and Board members reviewed bills and prioritized them each week during the session. Overall, the Board had a very successful legislative session, highlighted by the passage of sunset legislation. The following is a snapshot of bills that passed and most impact the scope of the Board's mission.

## **Senate Bill 549 / House Bill 1265 (Chapter 217 and 218): “State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation”**

These emergency measures extend the termination date of the Board and its related allied health advisory committees to July 1, 2023, and generally implement recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services' 2016 sunset evaluation of the Board. Major provisions of the bills:

- ◆ Extend the termination date of the Board to 2023 and limit the scope of the next sunset evaluation;
- ◆ Add new reporting requirements for the Board, including information related to sexual misconduct cases and criminal history records checks (CHRCs);
- ◆ Amend certain CHRC requirements;
- ◆ Eliminate the 6-month reporting requirement by hospitals, related institutions, and alternative health systems to the Board with respect to actions involving physician privileges (the 10-day reporting requirement remains unchanged);
- ◆ Shift certain disciplinary proceedings from the full Board to disciplinary panels; and
- ◆ Include “cleanup” language.

## **Supervision and Review of Board Decisions and Actions**

### **Senate Bill 517 / House Bill 628 (Chapter 614 and 613): “Secretaries of Principal Departments - Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units Within Departments”**

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court held in *N.C. Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission* that, based on federal antitrust law, when a controlling number of the decision makers on a state licensing board are active participants in the occupation the board regulates, the board may only invoke state-action immunity if it is subject to active supervision by the state. In response to this decision, this legislation requires the Secretary of each principal department to supervise each unit of State government within the Secretary's jurisdiction that is composed, in whole or in part, of individuals participating in the occupation or profession regulated by the unit.

The intent of the active state supervision requirement is to (1) prevent unreasonable anticompetitive actions by the unit; and (2) determine whether the actions of the unit further a clearly articulated State policy to displace competition in the regulated market.

## **Opioids**

### **House Bill 1432 (Chapter 570): “Health Care Providers - Prescription Opioids - Limits on Prescribing (The Prescriber Limits Act of 2017)”**

This emergency measure requires a health care provider providing treatment for pain, based on the clinical judgment of the provider, to prescribe the lowest effective dose of an opioid and a quantity that is no greater than that needed for the expected duration of pain severe enough to require an opioid that is a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), with certain exceptions. A violation of requirements is grounds for disciplinary action by the appropriate health occupations board.

### **Senate Bill 967 / House Bill 1329 (Chapter 572 and 571): “Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017”**

The bills consolidated several opioid bills into one measure and, among other things, establish that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) may take certain actions relating to a CDS registration.

## 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION *(continued)*

### Physicians

#### **Senate Bill 989 / House Bill 1054 (Chapter 547 and 546): “State Board of Physicians - Physician Licensure - Prohibition on Requiring Specialty Certification”**

These measures prohibit the Board from requiring as a qualification for initial licensure or a condition of license renewal: (1) certification by a nationally recognized accrediting organization that specializes in a specific area of medicine, or (2) maintenance of such certification that includes continuous reexamination to measure core competencies as a requirement for maintaining certification.

#### **House Bill 957 (Chapter 770): “State Board of Physicians - Medical Professional Liability Insurance Coverage - Verification, Publication, and Notification Requirements (Janet’s Law)”**

This measure requires the public practitioner profile for each licensed physician to include information as to whether the physician maintains medical professional liability insurance, as reported by the physician to the Board.

Among other requirements, each licensed physician who does not carry professional liability insurance coverage must conspicuously post such information where the licensee practices. Additional information is available on the Board’s Website at [https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/malpractice\\_notice.pdf](https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/malpractice_notice.pdf).

### Health Disparities

#### **Senate Bill 503 (Chapter 499): “Health Occupations Boards - Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities”**

This legislation requires the Board to submit a report with an update on specified efforts to educate specified individuals regarding racial and ethnic health disparities. The report is due to certain legislative committees on or before January 1, 2018.

Click [here](#) for the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Web page on the MDH Website. Or, visit the Board’s Website for a link to that page and information about Maryland’s 14th Annual Statewide Health Equity Conference, scheduled December 7, 2017.

Click on the bill number(s) on pages 3 and 4 to be directed to the legislation documents on the Maryland General Assembly Website and to check effective dates of the provisions.

### Teletherapy

#### **Senate Bill 1106 (Chapter 610): “Health Care Practitioners - Use of Teletherapy”**

This legislation authorizes a health care practitioner who provides behavioral health services and is licensed by a certain health occupations board in Maryland to use teletherapy if the licensee meets specified requirements.

### Exemptions to the Maryland Patient Referral Law

#### **Senate Bill 369 / House Bill 403 (Chapter 226 and 225): “Maryland Patient Referral Law - Compensation Arrangements Under Federally Approved Programs and Models”**

The Maryland Patient Referral Law (MPRL) was enacted in 1993 when fee-for-service (FFS) was the predominant method of payment. In recent years, new and innovative payment methods have begun to replace FFS.

These measures exempt a health care practitioner who has a compensation arrangement with a health care entity from the prohibition against self-referral under MPRL if the compensation arrangement is funded by or paid under (1) a Medicare Shared Savings Program accountable care organization (ACO); (2) an advance payment ACO model, a pioneer ACO model, or a next generation ACO model, as authorized under federal law; (3) an alternative payment model approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); or (4) another model approved by CMS that may be applied to health care services provided to both Medicare and non-Medicare beneficiaries.

# REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) is available on the [Division of State Documents Website](#). Click on “COMAR Online.”

## Continuing Education

The Board amended regulations to revise the timeframe for licensees to earn continuing medical education. For renewals, the proposed changes allow licensees to earn credits up to the date of license expiration instead of licensees being required to earn the credits prior to the date when an application for license renewal is submitted.

The amended regulations went into effect in January 2017 for the following licensees: physicians, physician assistants, polysomnographic technologists, radiation therapists, radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, and radiologist assistants.

## Physicians

A new regulation - [COMAR 10.32.01.17](#) - went into effect in June 2017 with provisions for initial licensure by reciprocity for physicians.

Amended regulations to remove limitations of the settings where physicians may advertise went into effect August 28, 2017. See [COMAR 10.32.01.13](#).

*The mission of the Board of Physicians is to assure quality health care in Maryland through the efficient licensure and effective discipline of health providers under its jurisdiction, by protecting and educating clients/customers and stakeholders, and enforcing the Maryland Medical Practice Act.*

## Athletic Trainers

Regulations that revised provisions regarding evaluation and treatment protocols became effective July 31, 2017. See [COMAR 10.32.08.06](#).

## Naturopathic Doctors

Regulations that added provisions regarding criminal history records checks and licensure reciprocity became effective August 28, 2017. See [COMAR 10.32.21](#).

## Opioid Guidelines / Hearings Before the Board

The new [COMAR 10.32.02.17](#), effective October 23, 2017, states that the Board and the disciplinary panels may consider the “Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain” published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but this guideline is not binding on the Board or the disciplinary panels.

## Other Regulations Moving Through The Process

The following proposals were published in October 2017 in the *Maryland Register* for a 30-day formal comment period:

- ◆ Proposed amended regulations to eliminate reports that were due to the Board every six months from hospitals, related institutions, and alternative health systems. In addition, the amendments eliminate certain reports about individuals in postgraduate training programs.
- ◆ A proposal to revise conceded eminence regulations to modify and improve licensure requirements for physicians who are licensed in this manner.

Because unlicensed medical practitioners (UMPs) no longer register with the Board, there also is a proposal to repeal [COMAR 10.32.07](#) in its entirety.

# ALLIED HEALTH NEWS AND REMINDERS

## Athletic Trainers and Physician Assistants Practicing in Maryland

All athletic trainers (ATs) must have a license and a Board approved evaluation and treatment protocol (ETP) with a Maryland licensed physician. Similarly, all physician assistants (PAs) must have a license and a delegation agreement (DA) with a Maryland licensed physician. When the AT's, PA's, or primary supervising physician's license expires, the ETP or DA becomes invalid. For additional information on what ATs or PAs must do when their or their primary supervising physician's license expires, please review the FAQs under Athletic Trainers and/or Physician Assistants on the Board's Website at [https://www.mbp.state.md.us/licensure\\_ahapp.aspx](https://www.mbp.state.md.us/licensure_ahapp.aspx).

## Terminating Physician Assistant Delegation Agreements

Hospitals, related institutions, alternative health care systems, or employers are required to report to the Board any termination of employment of the physician assistant for any reason, including quality of care issues, within **5 days** of the termination. Hospitals, related institutions, alternative health care systems, or employers also are required to report to the Board within **5 days** any limitation, reductions, or other changes of employment of the change of employment that might be grounds for disciplinary actions under Health Occupations Article, §15-314.

## Terminating Athletic Trainer Evaluation and Treatment Protocols

Supervising physicians are required to notify the Board within **10 days** of a termination of an evaluation and treatment protocol with an athletic trainer if the reasons for the termination involve:

- ◆ Grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, §14-5D-14; or
- ◆ Reasons unrelated to grounds for disciplinary action, e.g., voluntary resignation, change in supervising physician, etc.

## 2018 LICENSE EXPIRATION DATES

January 31	<u>Perfusionist-Advanced</u>
March 31	<u>Naturopathic Doctor</u>
May 30	<u>Respiratory Care Practitioner</u>

Please check the Board's Website for the date that online renewal of these licenses will be available.

Licensees are reminded that Maryland law requires a criminal history records check (CHRC) for license renewal. For additional information on CHRCs, visit the Board's Website.

## NAME CHANGES AND CHRCs

Maryland law requires that licensed physicians and allied health practitioners notify the Board in writing of any name change within 60 days after the change. Name change request forms are available on the Board's Website for licensees to download, complete, and mail to the Board.

It is especially important that licensees' names match the names licensees use when submitting to CHRCs. If there has been a legal name change, a licensee should submit a name change form to the Board before submitting to a CHRC.

## SANCTIONS: *October 2016 through June 2017*

Case names and actions are listed below. All Board orders are public documents.  
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### October 2016

**Francine Higgs-Shipman, M.D.**

Fine paid.

**Jennifer M. Hammer, M.D.**

Termination of Consent Order.

**Stanley Michael Higgins, M.D.**

Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the Colorado Medical Board.

**Sofian J. Al-Khatib, M.D.**

Surrender of registration to practice as an unlicensed medical practitioner.

**Randall Sarro, PA-C**

Termination of probation. The reprimand of the September 19, 2014 Consent Order remains in effect.

**J. Gregory Hobelmann, M.D.**

Termination of probation.

**Torrey Bloomfield, RCP**

Summary Suspension.

**Andrew Siekanowicz, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$1,000.00, payable within 90 days.

**A. Roy Rosenthal, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$2,000.00, payable within 90 days.

**Kevin L. Carr, M.D.**

Termination of Consent Order. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Naz Moaddab, M.D.**

Surrender of registration to practice as an unlicensed medical practitioner.

**Allison L. Conley, PA-C**

Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation for two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**George A. Oyler, M.D.**

Application for reinstatement is granted. Probation for a minimum of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

**Harold O. Alexander, M.D.**

Revocation, effective ten (10) business days from October 25, 2016.

**Laurie Beth Kreger, M.D.**

Termination of 2015 Consent Order. Suspension for a minimum of 18 months, beginning July 27, 2016, with terms and conditions.

**Julian Choe, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$3,000.00, payable within 90 days.

**Julian Choe, M.D.**

Fine paid.

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### November 2016

**Bryan P. Costello, A.T.**

Civil fine of \$250.00, payable within 90 days.

**Roozbeh Badii, M.D.**

Reprimand.

**Steven Mark Shimoura, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$1,000.00, payable within 30 days.

**Eric S. Cawthon, PA-C**

Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.

**John S. Tidball, M.D.**

Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.

**Torrey Bloomfield, RCP**

Summary Suspension of October 18, 2016 affirmed.

**Jason Murphy (Unlicensed)**

Cease and Desist from the unlicensed practice of medicine. Monetary fine of \$1,000.00, payable within 30 days.

**Paramjit S. Ajrawat, M.D.**

Suspension.

**Vincent J. Vaghi, M.D.**

Permanent Surrender of Medical License.

**Sangeeta M. Simlote, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$10,000.00; payable within one (1) year.

**Bilal Saulat, M.D.**

Reprimand with terms and conditions. Monetary fine of \$5,000.00, payable within 30 days.

**Miranda A. Zamora, A.T.**

Fine satisfied.

**Josh Morrow (Unlicensed)**

Fine satisfied. Cease and Desist remains in effect.

**Linda Freilich, M.D.**

Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**Okenwa R. Nwosu, M.D.**

Termination of probation.

**David Vitberg, M.D.**

Fine satisfied.

**Zahid Aslam, M.D.**

Extension of probation with terms and conditions.

**David Hale Smith, M.D.**

Reprimand. Monetary penalty of \$1,050.00, payable within 30 days.

**Francesco Lupis, M.D.**

Reprimand; Probation with terms and conditions. Reciprocal action taken by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

**Michael B. Rothkin, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$5,000.00; terms and conditions.

**Nicholas John Kohlerman, III, M.D.**

Reprimand.

**A. Roy Rosenthal, M.D.**

Fine satisfied.

**Erin R. Variano, A.T.**

Fine satisfied.

**Carlos A. Poroj, Radiographer**

Suspension for Delinquent Child Support.

**Vijayalakshmi Nimmagadda, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$4,600.00; terms and conditions.

**Myron Rose, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$2,600.00; terms and conditions.

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### December 2016

**Jason Murphy (Unlicensed)**

Fine satisfied. Cease and Desist remains in effect.

**Andrew Siekanowicz, M.D.**

Fine paid.

**Michael B. Rothkin, M.D.**

Fine paid.

**Byung Hwan Ahn, M.D.**

Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Abdul Razaq, M.D.**

Application for Reinstatement of Medical Licensure denied.

**David Hale Smith, M.D.**

Fine satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Victoria E. Steiner-Larsen, M.D.**

Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Rehan A. Khan, M.D.**

Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Kenneth R. Bergman Jr., M.D.**

Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Application is granted.

**Carlos A. Poroj, Radiographer**

Suspension lifted. License reinstated without restrictions or conditions.

**Alyse Beck, RCP**

Revocation.

**Mark M. Malkus, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$12,500.00, payable within one (1) year.

**Matthew R. Reetz, D.O.**

Reinstatement; Reprimand.  
Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.  
Reciprocal action taken by the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

**Malinda A. Midzenski, M.D.**

Reinstatement. Probation for 18 months with terms and conditions.

**Michael A. Basco, M.D.**

Suspension terminated.  
Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions. The physician shall not engage in clinical medicine.

**Torrey Bloomfield, RCP**

Suspension for 18 months from October 18, 2016 with terms and conditions. Summary Suspension terminated.

**Nicholas J. Dudas, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of Consent Order satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Eva C. Dickinson, M.D.**

Summary Suspension.

### January 2017

**John K. Aziz, M.D.**

Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Mark J. Baskerville, M.D.**

Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Mirza H. A. Baig, M.D.**

Reinstatement with probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**Rehana A. Hussain, M.D.**

Termination of probation.

**Joseph R. Epstein, A.T.**

Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.

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### January 2017 (continued)

**Carl White, A.T.**

Civil fine of \$250.00, payable within 90 days.

**Daniel R. Alexander, M.D.**

Suspension.

**Bryan P. Costello, A.T.**

Fine satisfied.

**Vickey K. Manning, PA-C**

Suspension for a period of 30 days and probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**Basri Sila, M.D.**

Surrender, effective March 13, 2017.

**Syed Samiullah Kazmi, M.D.**

Application for Initial Licensure denied.

**Dana Stiles Sutton**

Application for Initial Licensure as a radiographer denied.

**Cecilia M. Tibery, PA-C**

Fine satisfied.

### February 2017

**Mark Davis, M.D.**

Reinstatement of Medical Licensure denied.

**Lisa R. Ginn, M.D.**

Reprimand. Civil fine of \$1,050.00, payable within six (6) months.

**Ann A. Tran, M.D.**

Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

**Lisa R. Ginn, M.D.**

Fine satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Christopher Wendel, M.D.**

Surrender of License.

**Gig Young, Radiographer**

Suspension lifted.

**Danielle D. Kantola,  
Radiographer**

Terms and conditions satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Orlando R. Davis, M.D.**

Termination of probation.

**Ajit Kurup, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$3,000.00, payable within 90 days.

**David Melnick, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$2,700.00, payable within 30 days.

**Beth Rhodes-Duncan, M.D.**

Probation with terms and conditions. Reciprocal action taken by the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

**Jennifer M. Liao, M.D.**

Suspension with terms and conditions.

**Ajit Kurup, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Vickey K. Manning, PA-C**

Suspension terminated. Probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**Bradley Harper, M.D.**

Surrender of License.

**H. Jay Zwally II, M.D.**

Reprimand. Civil fine of \$800.00, payable within 15 days.

**Gerard J. Moore, RCP**

Suspension for Delinquent Child Support.

**John W. McGrath, M.D.**

Reprimand with terms and conditions.

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### March 2017

**Ann K. Biser, PA-C**

Suspension for 30 days, effective March 16, 2017. Probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**H. Jay Zwally II, M.D.**

Fine satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**James D. Clarke, M.D.**

Termination of probation. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Steven Gurland, M.D.**

Administrative fine of \$5,000.00, payable within 30 days.

**Richard C. Matzkin, M.D.**

Revocation.

**Linda J. Whitby, M.D.**

Revocation, effective March 29, 2017.

**Robert E. Korman, M.D.**

Termination of probation.

**Saadia Alizai-Cowan, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$600.00, payable within 30 days.

**Rasheed A. Abassi, M.D.**

Suspension terminated. Probation for a minimum of three (3) years with terms and conditions.

**Louis Beverly Brill II, M.D.**

Reprimand. Reciprocal action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

**Barbara L. Leighton, M.D.**

Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions.

**Margaret C. Johns, A.T.**

Civil fine of \$500.00, payable in one (1) year.

**Bilal Saulat, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied. Reprimand remains in effect.

**Deborah Jane Bland, RCP**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Margaret C. Johns, A.T.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Gerard J. Moore, RCP**

Suspension lifted.

**Alfred J. Daley, RCP**

Reprimand.

**Martin D. Weltz, D.O.**

Reprimand.

**Colleen Hawthorne, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$2,875.00, payable within 30 days.

**Cimenga Tshibaka, M.D.**

Reinstatement of Medical Licensure denied.

### April 2017

**Christopher John Murphy, M.D.**

Permanent Surrender. Reciprocal action taken by the West Virginia Board of Medicine.

**Donna Acree, N.D.**

Civil fine of \$3,000.00, payable within one (1) year.

**Mohammad A. Shaikh, M.D.**

Reprimand. Civil fine of \$500.00, payable within six (6) months.

**Prafull K. Dave, M.D.**

Termination of probation. Reprimand remains in effect.

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### April 2017 (continued)

**Carl White, A.T.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Trevia F. Hayden, M.D.**

Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of 18 months with terms and conditions. The physician is permanently prohibited from prescribing opioid medication.

**Mohammad A. Shaikh, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Brian Philip Holly, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$1,400.00; payable within 30 days.

**Sang Wook An, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$500.00; payable within 30 days.

**Ann K. Biser, PA-C**

Suspension terminated. Probation with terms and conditions.

**Dorothea A. Dobson, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$2,000.00; payable within 30 days.

**Janet L. Wasson, M.D.**

Summary Suspension.

**Christos Ballas, M.D.**

Reprimand with terms and conditions.

**Steven Gurland, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Cyril Allen, M.D.**

Probation. Reciprocal action taken by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine.

**Jonathan M. Johnson, M.D.**

Civil fine of \$775.00; payable within 30 days.

### May 2017

**Kofi Etruw Shaw-Taylor, M.D.**

Summary Suspension.

**Janet L. Wasson, M.D.**

Summary Suspension affirmed.

**Joann H. Kang, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$4,300.00, payable within 30 days.

**David J. Salinger, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Shireen R. Collins,  
Radiographer**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.

**Hein Nguyen, M.D.**

Reprimand. Probation with terms and conditions.

**Jose B. Corvera, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$400.00; payable within 30 days.

**Timothy H. Emeigh,  
Radiographer**

Revocation.

**John W. McGrath, M.D.**

Terms and conditions of the Consent Order satisfied.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Anne M. Harter, RCP**

Surrender.

**Kwasi Debra, M.D.**

Civil penalty of \$2,175.00; payable within 30 days.

## SANCTIONS: *October 2016 through June 2017*

Case names and actions are listed below. All Board orders are public documents.  
To view a document, click on the individual's name.

### June 2017

**Lawrence Feldman, M.D.**  
**(Expired License)**  
Reprimand.

**Gemma M. Armstrong, D.O.**  
Civil fine of \$1,700.00; payable within 30 days.

**Scott E. Laborwit, M.D.**  
Civil fine of \$1,700.00; payable within 30 days.

**Jonathan Safren, M.D.**  
Reprimand. Probation with terms and conditions. Civil fine of \$5,000.00; payable within six (6) months.

**Mcclellan M. Walther, M.D.**  
Application for Reinstatement denied.

**Gary L. Gay, D.O.**  
**(Expired License)**  
Reprimand.

**Paul F. Ambush, Jr., M.D.**  
Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of 18 months with terms and conditions. Civil fine of \$5,000.00; payable within six (6) months.

**Okechukwu A. Nwodim, D.O.**  
Termination of probation. The reprimand, prohibition from practicing chronic pain management, and limitation on opioid prescribing remain.

**Raymond M. Golly,**  
**Radiographer**  
Reprimand with terms and conditions.

**Samuel W. Alleyne, M.D.**  
Reprimand. Probation for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions. The physician is permanently prohibited from practicing pain medicine and shall not prescribe any Controlled Dangerous Substances.

**Grace M. Cotelingam, M.D.**  
Civil fine of \$575.00; payable within 30 days.

**Michael K. Hise, M.D.**  
Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Jennifer M. Liao, M.D.**  
Surrender. Suspension of February 24, 2017 is terminated.

**Rolando Najera, M.D.**  
Permanent Surrender.

**Caroline Anne Gerhardt,**  
**M.D.**  
Suspension terminated.  
Probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

**Michelle Lee Riddell, N.D.**  
Civil fine of \$3,000.00; payable within two (2) years.

**Kofi Etruw Shaw-Taylor,**  
**M.D.**  
Summary Suspension affirmed.

**Vivek C. Vaid, M.D.**  
Termination of probation.  
Reprimand remains in effect.

**Norman B. Rosen, M.D.**  
Reprimand.

*On the Board's Website, go to "Topics of Interest" and click on "Access recent Board actions" to view additional 2017 sanctions.*

# REMINDERS / INFORMATION FROM MDH

## Updating Practitioner Profiles

All licensed practitioners can edit their demographic information through the online practitioner profile on the Board's Website. Licensees can update their nonpublic, primary practice, and public addresses, and they can add postgraduate training programs or specialty board certifications. Self-designated practice areas also can be added or removed.

The Board has added a new category of information to be reported by licensees: "Maryland Hospital Privilege Information." Due to legislation that passed this year, hospitals no longer are required to submit to the Board 6-month reports with information on holders of privileges. Therefore, licensees

must add privileges or delete them in the profile system. Changes to privileges information also can be made in the Board's online renewal application. Physicians who renewed this year found a new feature in the online renewal application to update the hospital privilege information.

Another bill (House Bill 957) that passed this year addresses liability insurance. The Board has added a profile category for licensees to report if they maintain medical professional liability insurance. The legislation's effective date was October 1, 2017.

Please note that updated profiles provide important public information

for consumers. Any "eligible" licensee, with a license status of active, inactive, or probation, should update his or her profile.

The Board requests that practitioners also **update their e-mail addresses via the Website**. This will assist the Board in communicating more efficiently through electronic means. Please note that the Board no longer processes paper or e-mail requests for address changes.

Changes submitted through the profile are updated on the Board's internal database within 24 hours. To edit your profile, go to the Board's Website and follow the steps below.



## Information from MDH: Maryland Primary Care Program

*Contributed by Dr. Howard Haft and Chad Perman, MPP  
Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Public Health Services*

The State of Maryland, under the direction of the Secretary of Health, is working with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to modernize health care delivery in Maryland through a new primary care program that's based on a national model. A key element of Maryland's ongoing transformation is the voluntary Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP), intended to support the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the State. Pending federal approval, the program is proposed to start in July 2018 and includes two tracks with incrementally advanced care delivery requirements and payment options. Information about MDPCP is available at <https://health.maryland.gov//Pages/Maryland-Primary-Care-Program.aspx>.