

## MBP Fall 2023 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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### FEATURED

- Genetic Counselor Licensure
- Military License Exemption
- Wellness & Burnout
- Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
- Want to receive emails from MDH's Maryland Health Alert Network (MD HAN)?
- New PDMP Clinical Tools

### NEWS | UPDATES



#### Upcoming License Renewals

- Licenses for perfusionists will expire on January 31, 2024.
- Licenses for naturopathic doctors will expire on March 31, 2024.
- Licenses for respiratory care practitioners will expire on May 30, 2024.



#### Initial Applications Now Online: Athletic Trainer (AT) and Naturopathic Doctor (ND)

Paper initial licensure applications will no longer be accepted for ATs and NDs. The online AT and ND initial applications are available [here](#). The Board is in the process of transitioning all allied health practitioner's paper applications to online applications.



#### Reminders

Termination of Delegation

### Genetic Counselor Licensure

Effective January 1, 2024, genetic counselors in Maryland are required to be licensed. All applicants must be of good moral character, at least 18 years of age, complete an application, pay the application fee, and undergo a criminal background check, including fingerprints, as well as meeting additional requirements for licensure.

The [initial application](#) became available electronically on October 23, 2023. [FAQs](#) are available for review on the Board's website.

### Military License Exemption

The Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 was enacted on January 1, 2023. This federal legislation is an exemption for military service persons and their spouses to bypass the licensing process if they have an active license in a U.S. state, their license is in good standing, and they or their spouse have military orders to provide military service in Maryland. The exemption is valid only during their or their spouse's military orders. Those eligible for this license exemption must submit a completed form the Board will provide, a copy of their or their spouse's military orders, and a copy of their marriage certificate (if applicable) to the Board. More information can be found [here](#).

## Agreements and Evaluation and Treatment Protocols

Supervising physicians of athletic trainers (ATs) and physician assistants (PAs) are required to report to the Board the termination of an evaluation and treatment protocol (ETP) with an AT within 10 days of the termination and within five days of the termination of a delegation agreement (DA) with a PA. Supervising physicians may terminate the ETP and DA through their [profile](#) page on the Board's website. ATs and PAs may also terminate the ETP and DA through their [profile](#) page.

## PA Delegation Agreement and AT Specialized Tasks

A delegation agreement is a document between a primary supervising physician (PSP) and a physician assistant (PA), not the employer. PAs are required to submit a new delegation agreement with every change of PSP. If a supervising physician leaves a place of employment and the PA remains at the place of employment, the PA will need a new delegation agreement with the new PSP.

Athletic Trainer (AT) "specialized tasks" are tasks/procedures that require additional training beyond the basic AT education and require Board approval to perform. An AT cannot perform a specialized task under any supervising physician without approval from the Board. If the supervising physician changes, the AT and the new supervising physician must complete and submit a Specialized Tasks application with the required documentation to the Board for approval.

## Cancer Registry

Maryland law mandates that physicians submit electronic reports of all new cancer cases within six months of diagnosis. Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) [10.14.01.06\(A\)\(3\)](#) states: "A reporting facility shall submit a completed report of any new individual case of reportable human cancer or reportable human CNS tumor no later than 6 months after

## Wellness & Burnout



*Important:* The Board recognizes that licensees encounter health conditions, including those involving career fatigue, burnout, mental health, and substance use disorder, just as their patients and other healthcare providers do. The Board expects its licensees to address their health concerns and ensure patient safety. Voluntary options may include seeking medical care, self-limiting the licensee's practice, or voluntarily self-referring to the [Maryland Physician Health Program \(MPHP\)](#), a program that assists individuals licensed by the Board, or the [Maryland Healthcare Professionals Program \(MHPP\)](#), a program that assists other licensed healthcare professionals dealing with potentially impairing conditions in a private, non-disciplinary setting while protecting both the confidentiality of the participant and the safety of the public.

## Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program

Are you interested in expanding healthcare access in underserved communities in Maryland? The Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants (MLARP) is an excellent opportunity to do just that! The intent of MLARP is to recruit and retain healthcare professionals in underserved areas of Maryland.

MLARP provides healthcare professionals with higher education loan repayment assistance in exchange for a service commitment at an eligible practice site. This opportunity provides physicians, physician assistants, and final year medical residents with up to \$100,000 in loan repayment grants, dependent on licensure/certification.

The next annual application period for MLARP is from March 1, 2024, through April 15, 2024. The application process is competitive, with a technical scoring process based on State and Federal priorities and funding availability. Click [here](#) to learn more.

diagnosis or treatment". Physicians with questions about cancer reporting may wish to utilize the following resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [National Program of Cancer Registries Program Standards](#)
- North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) [Data Standards and Data Dictionary](#)
- Myriddian Technical Support Hotline: 1-866-986-6575 or [MCRtech@myriddian.com](mailto:MCRtech@myriddian.com)
- Maryland Cancer Registry, [Kimberly.Stern@maryland.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Stern@maryland.gov) or [Delores.Rich@maryland.gov](mailto:Delores.Rich@maryland.gov)

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Matters regarding Maryland licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact:  
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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](#)  
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[Applications | Forms](#)  
[Board Members](#)

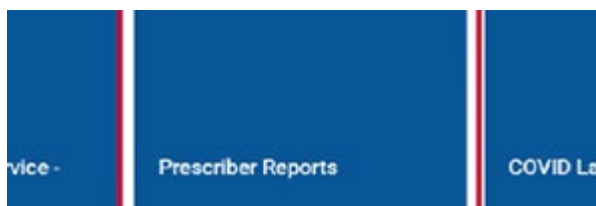
## Want to receive emails from MDH's MD HAN?



Online registration for the Maryland Health Alert Network (MD HAN) is available for health care professionals who choose to receive health alerts from MDH. Click the "Register" button on the [home page](#) to begin registration. When you register, you will need to agree to the terms of service and will be asked to provide information specific to you and your preferred method of communication.

## New PDMP Clinical Tools

PDMP-registered prescribers with individual DEAs can now access two new clinical tools through the CRISP Portal. These tools are (1) the Prescriber Insights Report, which allows prescribers to see trends in their prescribing history and compare their prescribing history with their peers, and (2) the Buprenorphine Comparison Report, which lists the number of patients receiving buprenorphine for substance use disorder treatment with a comparison to peers. Prescribers may access the reports in the CRISP Portal through the "Prescriber Reports" tab.



The following tools may help you to navigate the available resources:

- [Prescriber Insights Report Booklet](#)
- [Buprenorphine Comparison Tool Quick Guide](#)
- [Clinical Tools Quick Guide](#)

*If you have any questions or concerns, contact [mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.pdmp@maryland.gov) or 410-402-8686.*