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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.

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Maryland Department of Health

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2026

License Renewal Notices

Beginning in 2027, the Board will discontinue paper license renewal notices. Renewal notices will be provided to licensees by email only. It is important that you keep your contact information up to date so that you receive all notifications in a timely manner. **To ensure proper communication and continuity of access, the Board recommends that licensees provide a personal email address in addition to an official email address.** A practitioner who provides only an official email address that is associated with an employer, or has their emails sent to a management office, may miss important reminders if they switch employers. The Board will not disclose personal email addresses of its licensees. To verify or update your email addresses, log in to your Practitioner Profile.

Visit the Board's website in early 2027 for the schedule of upcoming license renewals.

New Name Changes Can Now Be Made Online

Licensees can now update their names in their Practitioner Profile. The name must be the licensee's legal name and match the name the licensee practices under. A licensee will also be required to provide supporting documentation, such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal/court order. There is a $25 fee for a name change.

Licensees must report any name change to the Board through the Practitioner Profile within 30 days. A licensee may be fined for failing to notify the Board of a name change within the required timeframe.

New Educational Pathway for Limited X-Ray Machine Operators (LXMOs)

Effective October 1, 2026, individuals who have completed the first year of an accredited radiologic technologist education program while in good standing may be eligible to register with the Board as an LXMO (Health Occupations Article, §14-306.3, Annotated Code of Maryland). To qualify, applicants must also complete and attest to completing:

FEATURED

- License Renewal Notices
- New - Name Changes Can Now Be Made Online
- New - Educational Pathway for LXMOs
- New Requirement: Mammograms - Breast Arterial Calcification Notification
- Death Certificates
- Important Reminders

ALSO THIS MONTH

1. 115 hours of didactic training delivered by an ARRT-certified radiologic technologist;
2. 480 hours of clinical training;
3. Six months of clinical care experience;
4. Five competencies in the chest, spine, lower extremities, and upper extremities; and
5. A passing result of at least 75% per module (Core, Chest, Spine, and Extremities) on the Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography examination administered by the ARRT.

In addition, the education program director must provide an attestation directly to the Board that the applicant meets or exceeds all requirements.

New Requirement: Mammograms - Breast Arterial Calcification Notification

Effective October 1, 2026, a center where mammography testing is performed is required to include the following notification in **any and all** screening letters that are sent to a patient (Health-General Article, §20-115, Annotated Code of Maryland):

> *"This notice contains the results of your recent mammogram, including information about breast arterial calcification.*
> *If your mammogram shows breast arterial calcification, you should know that breast arterial calcification is a common finding. However, breast arterial calcification may be an indicator of an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. If you have breast arterial calcifications, please discuss this with your physician to assess your cardiovascular risks and determine if additional testing may be appropriate for you.*
> *This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with your physician. Together, you can decide whether additional screening options are right for you based on your mammogram results, individual risk factors, or physical examination. A report of your results was sent to your physician."*

Death Certificates

Maryland law mandates that physicians and physician assistants complete a medical certification within 24 hours of receiving a death certificate.

§4-212(b)(4) of the Health-General Article, Annotated Code of 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."*

Upcoming Renewals

Licenses for the following allied health practitioners will expire on April 30, 2027:

- Nuclear Medicine Technologists
- Radiation Therapists
- Radiation Therapists/ Radiographers
- Radiographers
- Radiologist Assistants

Registrations for Limited X-Ray Machine Operators will expire on April 30, 2027.

Licenses for Polysomnographic Technologists will expire on May 30, 2027.

Website Resources: FAQs & Regulation Tracker

The Board is committed to providing comprehensive, on-demand resources for all licensees on its website. Licensees are encouraged to review the Board's website, including the FAQs, for immediate answers to common questions before contacting the Board. In addition, licensees are encouraged to review the Regulation Tracker for the most up-to-date information regarding pending and recently enacted regulations.

Terminating the Physician-Patient Relationship

There may come a time when the physician must terminate the patient-physician relationship. MedChi offers practice-related advice on how to best approach this situation. To ensure physicians are aware

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

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Physicians Handbook on Medical Certification of Death and Instructions for Completing the Cause-of-Death Section of the Death Certification.
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner: 410-333-3271 (available 24 hours)
- Vital Statistics Administration (Maryland Electronic Death Registration System): Email adrs.help@maryland.gov
- New Check out the Death Certificates webpage of the Board's website for additional links and resources.

Important Reminders

Review Your Practitioner Profile Regularly
Licensees are reminded to regularly review their Practitioner Profiles and promptly make any necessary updates. A licensee's name, address, and email address must be accurate and up to date to receive important notifications from the Board. A licensee who fails to notify the Board of a change of address or name within 30 days may be fined. To update your address, name, or email address, log in to your Practitioner Profile.

Medical Practice Closure and Medical Records
Certain actions must be taken when a licensee closes their practice. Once a practice closes, the records must be maintained by another healthcare provider, the administrator of the licensee's estate, or a designee who has agreed to do so. The new custodian of records must notify the Board of Physicians that the records will be maintained in compliance with State law (Health-General Article, §4-403, Annotated Code of Maryland). More information is available on the Board's website (Medical Records Retention & Fees FAQs).

Continuing Education Requirements
All licensees must be familiar with the continuing education requirements. This includes a *one-time* implicit bias training and a *one-time* structural racism training (Health Occupations Article, §1-225, Annotated Code of Maryland). Please visit the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities website for more information.

- *Implicit Bias Training*
  Licensees applying to renew their license after receiving their initial license or reinstating it for the first time after April 1, 2022, must attest to completing an implicit bias training program that meets requirements.
- *Structural Racism Training*
  Licensees applying to renew their license after receiving their initial license or reinstating it for the first time after April 1, 2026, must attest to completing a structural racism training program that meets requirements.

of proper procedures and best practices, visit MedChi's website for additional resources* on navigating the termination process.

**Physicians should be on the lookout for updated guidance from MedChi coming soon.*

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! MLARP's intent is to improve the recruitment and retention of the health professional workforce, especially in areas of Maryland experiencing professional shortages.

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, 2027, through April 15, 2027. The application process is competitive, with a technical scoring process based on State and Federal priorities and funding availability. Learn More.

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Board Email Addresses

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Maryland licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact: mbp_compact@maryland.gov

Physician Drug Dispensing Permits: mdh.mbpdrugdispense@maryland.gov

Links of Interest

- Practitioner Profiles
- Laws and Regulations
- Board Actions
- Applications / Forms
- Board Members