



Maryland Board of Physicians

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IT'S COMING - BE PREPARED

"Be prepared," the motto of scouting, applies to license renewal.



Over the past five years, the license process has undergone significant changes. Renewal is online, with many answers pre-filled from the last renewal. Payment includes the option of using a credit card. This should make things easier.

For most physicians, license renewal is the only interaction between a licensee and the medical board. The Board of Physicians wants this to be as painless as possible and offers the following suggestions to be prepared.

1. Take the time to be accurate. When you complete a renewal application, you are certifying information to be accurate and complete. The Board is aware that in some other jurisdictions, third party entities are promoting the ability to complete physician renewals on behalf of the physician. If you use a third party, review the responses very carefully and double check each item for accuracy. Beware of offers to complete your renewal form for you.
2. Continuing medical education. The Board regulations are specific as to what documentation must be kept to validate compliance with the CME requirements. COMAR 10.32.01.09 lists these and is available at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/10/10.32.01.09.htm>. Be careful that your documentation of attendance at a CME program, (whether it be a certificate or other documentation) contains the: (a) program title, (b) sponsor's name, (c) physician's name, (d) inclusive date or dates and location of the CME event, (e) CME category designation and the number of designated or prescribed CME credit hours, and (f) documented verification of successful completion by stamp, signature, hospital printout, or other official proof; and that the documentation demonstrates that the CME activity fell within the 2-year period immediately preceding submission of the renewal. If chosen for audit, you will be required to show documentation that meets these requirements.
3. Payment of Maryland State taxes. Licenses of physicians who owe taxes to the State of Maryland cannot be renewed. The Board must follow Maryland Law HO Sec. 1-213 (eff. July 1, 2003). All renewal and reinstatement applications are checked for tax delinquency. Any applicants identified as tax delinquent are denied, and not processed for renewal or reinstatement. Physicians who do not clear up the outstanding tax liability before the end of the renewal period must go through the reinstatement process. Reinstatement takes time and can result in a period of unlicensure. For example, a physician applies for renewal on September 1, 2006 but has a tax liability and does not clear the tax liability until January 1, 2007. After applying for reinstatement and submitting necessary documentation, the physician is issued a reinstated license effective January 25, 2007. That physician was not licensed to practice medicine from October 1, 2006 (The license expiration date is September 30.) through January 24, 2007.

Physicians whose last names begin with the letters A-L must renew their medical licenses by September 30, 2006. A notice of renewal will be mailed in late June to the last confidential address the physician supplied to the Board. Application forms will not be mailed. Physicians can renew online or download the application from the Internet at www.mbp.state.md.us on or about July 17, 2006. Complete the renewal process as early as possible to assure that the renewal is completed by September 30.



Habib A. Bhutta, M.D.

BOARD MEMBER LENDS HELPING HAND

The biggest earthquake to strike the Kashmir region in 100 years struck on October 8, 2005 reaching a magnitude of 7.6 and leaving India, Pakistan and Afghanistan devastated. According to the United Nations, 69,400 were seriously wounded and more than 73,000 were confirmed dead.

Many countries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations offered relief aid to the region. Habib A. Bhutta, M.D., a surgeon and member of the Maryland Board of Physicians, was motivated to lend his support. Although DHMH did not deploy volunteers, Dr. Bhutta worked with MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) to provide assistance during his December 2005 deployment.

"Coping with the after-effects of a disaster as a relief worker is a hard pill to swallow," Dr. Bhutta said, "but knowing that you are able to make a difference and help those in need is the greatest gift."

Dr. Bhutta described his volunteer experience as rewarding because he was able to provide medical treatment for people affected by the disaster who may not have received assistance otherwise. He especially enjoyed working with the U.S. Military, who were stationed at the forefront of the triage locations and made sure that all protocols were obeyed. Dr. Bhutta described the working conditions as well-organized, well-resourced with hospital equipment and well-protected.

Dr. Bhutta suggested that health care professionals who may be interested in volunteering should take advantage of the DHMH Volunteer Corps program and the Board of Physician's online emergency preparedness training program to better prepare for the future disasters.

BOARD PRESCRIBING VIDEO NOW ONLINE

"A Sense of Balance" is a 20 minute video presentation on drugs, chronic pain, and related subjects including appropriate prescribing of controlled drugs, over prescribing, the addicted physician and identifying the drug seeking patient. This educational video is now available for online viewing at the Board of Physician website at www.mbp.state.md.us.

A Sense of Balance was produced in 1998 (in VHS format) by the Maryland Board of Physician Quality Assurance. In 2003, the name of the Board was changed to the Maryland Board of Physicians.

Viewers examine cases brought before the Board which deal with pain related issues to develop an understanding of the Board's position on these issues.



LEGISLATION STREAMLINES DELEGATION AGREEMENT PROCESS

Legislation passed during the 2006 session will allow some physicians and physician assistants to practice with a pending delegation agreement and eliminate some of the review and signature requirements in daily practice. The new law, SB 818, takes effect on October 1, and applies if the physician assistant has previously been approved for the same scope of practice in a different practice setting, and the supervising physician has been previously approved to supervise physician assistants in the practice setting for the same scope of practice. A delegation agreement is "pending" if it has been executed and submitted to the Board's Physician Assistant Advisory Committee for review but either the PAAC has not made a recommendation to the Board, or the Board has not made a final decision regarding the delegation agreement.



PHYSICIAN'S DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Waheed U. Akthar, M.D., License #: D31675
Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (LaPlata, MD)
Permanent Revocation; the Board will not accept any application for reinstatement. The Board found that the physician used his position as a physician to take advantage of women who relied on him for treatment. He engaged in egregious acts of sexual misconduct, such actions having taken place over a long period of time. Date of Action: October 6, 2005

David W. Bassett, M.D., License #: D32444
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Silver Spring, MD)
Revocation. The Board found that the physician violated standards of quality care and failed to keep adequate medical records in regard to a patient who was addicted to narcotic drugs, including but not limited to prescribing certain drugs above what is generally considered the lethal limit and not performing liver function tests on an ongoing basis to monitor harmful side effects. Date of Action: March 29, 2006

Douglas E. Bertleson, M.D., License #: D47154
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Pasadena, CA)
Revocation. The Board's action was based on action taken by the Medical Board of California for numerous incidents of unprofessional conduct and dishonesty in California and in other jurisdictions; and reciprocal actions taken by Virginia and North Carolina; and providing false and misleading information on his Maryland license renewal. Date of Action: February 23, 2006

Tsedaye Bezabeh, M.D., No License
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Fort Washington, MD)
Application for Licensure denied. The physician's criminal conviction for insurance fraud for which she was sanctioned in New York, and the applicant's underlying conduct which gave rise to the conviction constitute numerous violations of the Maryland Medical Practice Act. Date of Action: November 21, 2005

Shirley E. Brown-Ornish, M.D., License #: D53085
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Mitchellville, MD)
Denial of Reinstatement; the Board not to consider any future applications until terms are met. The physician has not practiced clinical medicine for over 5 years, and the Board finds that the physician's activities during that period are not sufficient to maintain clinical skills. Date of Action: October 12, 2005

Lee G. Dante, M.D., License #: D29330
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Elkton, MD)
Reprimand; Probation for 3 years and until satisfactory completion of terms and conditions of probation. The Board found that the physician failed to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality psychiatric care, failed to keep adequate medical records, and violated a previous Consent Order (1997) and a 2000 Corrective Action

Agreement. Date of Action: January 25, 2006

Olly Duckett, M.D., License #: D04129
Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Columbia, MD)
Surrender. The physician surrendered his license based on the Board having received information that he resigned hospital privileges due to ill health and a subsequent medical evaluation that indicated that his health status prevents him from safely practicing medicine. Date of Action: January 27, 2006

Harold I. Eist, M.D., License #: D01940
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Bethesda, MD)
The Board's Order of June 22, 2005, is reversed and the Board charges of failing to cooperate with the Board's investigation are dismissed. The Circuit Court of Montgomery County ordered reversal of the Board's Final Opinion and Order of June 22, 2005, and dismissal of the Board's charges. Date of Action: May 10, 2006

Christopher E. Ervin, M.D., License #: D52310
Area of Practice: Emergency Medicine (Washington, DC)
Revocation; and fine of \$100. The physician's license was revoked based on sanctions by West Virginia, Missouri, and Georgia, and Pennsylvania's denial of application for licensure based on a conviction for battery and/or unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of medicine; willfully making false representations on his Maryland renewal application; failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation and provide a change of address as required by statute. Date of Action: March 22, 2006

John L. Flowers, M.D., License #: D40524
Area of Practice: General Surgery (Lutherville, MD)
Reinstatement of license; probation for a minimum of three years and until terms and conditions are satisfied. Based on all evidence submitted by the physician and others on his behalf, the Board has determined that the physician has reformed his character sufficiently to practice medicine with integrity and will reinstate the physician's license subject to certain conditions. Date of Action: November 8, 2005

Abdol Hamid Ghiladi, M.D., License #: D12849
Area of Practice: Cardiovascular Diseases (Phoenix, MD)
Reprimand; Probation for a minimum of 2 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician, as a primary care physician, violated the standard of quality care with respect to screening a patient for colorectal cancer and treating the patient's diabetes mellitus. Date of Action: October 4, 2005

Eric C. Greenberg, M.D., License #: D50275
Area of Practice: Internal Medicine (Bethesda, MD)
Probation until terms and conditions are met. The physician's failure to submit to an appropriate examination as directed the Board constituted failure to cooperate with a lawful investigation of the Board. Date of Action: May 24, 2006

Sang K. Han, M.D., License #: D17694
Area of Practice: General Surgery (Glen Bernie, MD)
Termination of probation; specific restriction continued after termination. The term of probation imposed by the February 26, 2003, Consent Order is terminated. The physician shall continue to permanently cease performing any surgeries involving the head and neck, however, excluding endarterectomies, and superficial lymph node and/or skin biopsies. Date of Action: April 5, 2006

Cheryl J. Harris-Chin, M.D., License #: D53865
Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Milford, DE)
Suspension beginning 10 days from date of the order, or May 6, 2006, and continue for 6 months and until terms and conditions are met; and \$100. Change of address fine. The Board found the physician engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine by viewing medical record information of several individuals, and filed a false report in the practice of medicine by requesting a consultation for a fictitious patient, because of her romantic interest in a fellow physician. Date of Action: April 26, 2006

Nelson H. Hendler, M.D., License #: D15330
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Stevenson, MD)
Summary Suspension. The Board concluded that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively require emergency action based on investigative findings, including but not limited to dispensing returned CDS to other patients, sexual misconduct with 3 patients, dispensing drugs without a permit or maintaining records of those drugs, failing to maintain his office in a safe and sanitary condition in accord with county codes. Date of Action: February 6, 2006

Nelson H. Hendler, M.D., License #: D15330
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Stevenson, MD)
Summary Suspension of February 6, 2006, affirmed by the Board. After the Board provided to the physician a post-deprivation hearing, for which the physician did not appear, the Board voted to continue the Summary Suspension. Date of Action: February 22, 2006

Jeremy A. Herschler, M.D., License #: D52458
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Cumberland, MD)
Summary Suspension. The Board took emergency action based on investigatory findings that include but are not limited to numerous incidents of erratic behavior, summary suspension of privileges to practice within the VA Maryland Health Care System and the VA's concern with the physician's stability and ability to safely manage patients, and an evaluation that opined that the physician should not be allowed to practice medicine absent continuous supervised treatment. Date of Action: February 14, 2006

Donald H. Hislop, M.D., License #: D08293
Area of Practice: General Practice (Baltimore, MD)
Suspension, effective 15 calendar days from date of order (that is, 12/8/05); suspension to remain in effect indefinitely, and may be stayed or lifted if certain conditions are met; and if stayed or lifted, the Board may impose other terms and conditions and probation. The physician failed to meet standards of quality care and failed to keep adequate medical records in his care and treatment of 6 patients as set out in the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision. Date of Action: November 23, 2005

Vincent Hunt, D.O., License #: H38001
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Landover Hills, MD)
Reprimand. The Board's action was based on action taken by the Virginia Board of Medicine based on his pre-signing prescription blanks and giving them to a nurse for his patients in his absence, that nurse also using several of them for her own personal use. Date of Action: February 23, 2006

Harold R. Katz, M.D., License #: D30934
Area of Practice: Ophthalmology (Baltimore, MD)
Suspension until terms and conditions are satisfied; probation for 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board concluded that the physician's actions constituted unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine; being addicted to, or habitually abuses, any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance; and having provided professional services while using a controlled dangerous substance, that is, in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication. Date of Action: March 22, 2006

Keith-Jan Lindemann, M.D., License #: D50458
Area of Practice: Pediatrics (Avenue, MD)
Suspension; the prior summary suspension order of August 30, 2005, is vacated as moot. The physician was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude and thereby subject to suspension of his license mandated by statute. Date of Action: October 20, 2005

Gideon M. Kioko, M.D., License #: D08283
Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Hyattsville, MD)
Summary Suspension. The Board determined that the investigative facts regarding the physician's office conditions and procedures, and his care and treatment of 2 patients, constituted extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate suspension of the physician's license. Date of Action: November 1, 2005

Edwin S. Kulubya, M.D., License #: D30198
Area of Practice: Anesthesiology (Laredo, TX)
Suspension; physician cannot seek reinstatement in Maryland unless and until his license to practice medicine is reinstated without restriction in California. The Board's action was based on disciplinary actions by the Medical Board of California for standard of care violations, and reciprocal actions by the Georgia Medical Board, Pennsylvania Medical Board, and the New York Medical Board. Date of Action: February 22, 2006

Florentino N. Loya, M.D., License #: D41296
Area of Practice: Family Practice (District Heights, MD)
Suspension for a minimum of six months; immediately stayed subject to terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet the standards of quality care in his practice of family medicine with regard to six patients whose care and treatment underwent peer review. Date of Action: May 24, 2006

Janet S. Martin, M.D., License #: D35386
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Greenbelt, MD)
Fine of \$30,000; Revocation of License. The Board found that the physician committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, willfully filed a false report in the practice of medicine, made a willful misrepresentation in treatment, and practiced medicine without a license, by practicing medicine after the expiration of her Maryland license and providing in a medical verification form that she was licensed to practice medicine through 2006 although her license was non-renewed and had expired on September 30, 2003. Date of Action: November 23, 2005

Desmond B. McDonagh, M.D., License #: D41073
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Schaumburg, IL)
Reprimand; fine of \$10,000; if the fine is not paid, suspension until the fine is paid. The physician violated provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act by failing to provide information about an investigation and disciplinary action in another state; the Board also took reciprocal action based on sanctions in three states. Date of Action: October 26, 2005

Morris Meiller, M.D., License #: D08540
Area of Practice: Unspecified (College Park, MD)
Permanent Revocation. The Board concluded that the physician was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and selling, prescribing, giving away or administering drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purpose based on, including but not limited to sexual misconduct in regard to six patients and prescribing CDS for a person living with him, such prescriptions being written in the names of 12 other individuals for whom there were no medical records. Date of Action: February 14, 2006

James An Nguyen, M.D. License #: D39748
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Randallstown, MD)
Revocation. The physician was convicted of felony Medicaid Fraud and was thereby subject to Maryland statute that requires revocation of his medical license. Date of Action: February 1, 2006

Okenwa R. Nwosu, M.D., License #: D27120 -
Non-renewed Area of Practice: General Surgery (Upper Marlboro, MD) Termination of Suspension of the October 27, 2004, Order; license reinstated after meeting/completing requirements for licensure reinstatement. The physician has met the conditions precedent for termination of suspension. Date of Action: March 17, 2006

Abner P. Pasatiempo, M.D., License #: D45431
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Bel Air, MD)
Suspension for 5 years with all but 18 months stayed and to continue until terms and conditions are met; should the Board reinstate the license, Probation for 5 years subject to terms and conditions. The Board found that the physician engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, failed to meet appropriate standards for quality medical care, and failed to keep adequate medical records, for instigating a sexual/personal relationship with a patient. Date of Action: April 26, 2006

Ronald S. Perlman, M.D., License #: D22985
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Washington, DC)
Permanent Surrender of License. The physician permanently surrendered his license to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges of being addicted to or habitually abusing narcotics and CDS; providing professional services while using narcotics and CDS; willfully making a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure; willfully filing a false report or record in the practice of medicine; and immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: January 25, 2006

Steven A. Pickert, M.D., License #: D15804
Area of Practice: Family Practice (Thurmont, MD)
The May 7, 2004, Final Opinion and Order of the Board is vacated; the Board issues its Final Opinion and Order on Remand of Reprimand; terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet standards of quality care by failing to perform an abdominal examination and sufficient cardiovascular examination on two occasions and failed to keep adequate medical records in regard to the patient. Date of Action: February 13, 2006

Michael S. Rudman, M.D., License #: D17106
Area of Practice: Family Practice (Middleton, MD)
Summary Suspension. The Board concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action based on investigative facts regarding sexual contact with eleven female patients, engaging in this kind of behavior for over twenty years, and on or about December 2005, being criminally charged with second-degree assault and fourth-degree sexual offense of two of the patients. Date of Action: February 9, 2006

Michael S. Rudman, M.D., License #: D17106
Area of Practice: Family Practice (Middleton, MD)
Order to vacate Summary Suspension of February 9, 2006, subject to conditions that the physician shall not practice any form of massage on patients; and must have a female chaperone for female patients. The Board determined that the physician was safe to practice under the conditions in the order. Date of Action: February 22, 2006

Brenda C. Scribner, M.D., License #: D51483
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Easton, MD)
Reprimand; probation for 3 years and until all terms and conditions are met. The Board concluded that the physician failed to meet appropriate standards of quality medical care and/or engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine in regard to a patient placed on Lithium therapy and the use of hugging or withholding a hug in regard to the same patient. Date of Action: March 22, 2006

Hubert G. Skinner, M.D., License #: D10586
Area of Practice: Otolaryngology (Columbia, MD)
Permanent Surrender. The physician's decision to surrender his license was prompted by a Board investigation concerning his involvement with a female patient. The Board's investigation concluded that he engaged in an inappropriate physician patient relationship; and the physician admitted his conduct was unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: May 8, 2006

Stephen E. Slatkin, M.D., License #: D45021
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Easton, MD)
Reprimand; probation for a period of three years subject to terms and conditions. The physician failed to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality psychiatric care to a female patient and engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: November 9, 2005

Marion Smith-Waison, M.D., License #: D28668
Area of Practice: OB/GYN (Columbia, MD)
Permanent Surrender of License. The physician's decision to surrender her license was based on including but not limited to, avoiding further prosecution of the pending disciplinary charges, the charges being based on information the Board obtained that revealed her office was unsanitary and disorganized and that patient specimens were inadequately labeled and not being processed in a timely manner. Date of Action: February 22, 2006

Mamta D. Somaiya, M.D., License #: D57457
Area of Practice: Unspecified (Dothan, AL)
Permanent surrender of license. The physician's decision to surrender her license was prompted by an investigation arising from complaints that she had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a patient, by her desire to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges issued by the Board, and has acknowledged the State would be able to prove its charges of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. Date of Action: November 16, 2005

William W. Tullner, M.D., License #: D25136
Area of Practice: Cardiovascular Diseases (Darnestown, MD)
Surrender. The physician surrendered his license based on having been diagnosed with a health condition which has adversely affected his ability to practice medicine in a professional manner, and the Board's investigation into allegations of unprofessional conduct which arose from symptoms of that condition before he was diagnosed. Date of Action: January 27, 2006

David L. Waltos, M.D., License #: D23801
Area of Practice: Psychiatry (Towson, MD)
Reprimand; probation for 2 years until all terms and conditions are met. The physician failed to meet standards of quality care and to keep adequate medical records in his mental health care of the children of one of his patients. Date of Action: March 22, 2006

Robert X. Williams, M.D., License #: D62991
Area of Practice: General Practice (Columbia, MD)
Summary Suspension. The physician had a positive test for cocaine in January 2006 in violation of his April 12, 2005, Consent Order and admitted that he used cocaine on the occasion that resulted in a positive test. Date of Action: January 27, 2006

ALLIED HEALTH DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**Harvey Z. Robinson, RT, No License**

Area of Practice: Respiratory Care Technology (Baltimore, MD) Application for licensure denied. The applicant failed to provide information to the Board as requested; failed to fully disclose his convictions when asked to do so by the Board; and provided misleading information to the Board. Date of Action: March 22, 2006

Terrisetta Slade, MRT, Certification #: R02580

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technology (Glen Burnie, MD) Denial of Application for Reinstatement of Certificate. The Board concluded that the applicant fraudulently or deceptively attempted to obtain a certificate by submitting to the Board a fraudulent certificate of continuing education units required by the Board. Date of Action: January 27, 2006

ALLIED HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE FINES**Kendria Heyward, RCP, Certificate #: L04456**

Area of Practice: Respiratory Care (Washington, DC) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual practiced respiratory care without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5A-20. Date of Action: April 12, 2006

Frances K. Homer, MRT, Certification #: R06701

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technology (Kensington, MD) Fine in the amount of \$500. The Respondent practiced medical radiation technology without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5B-17(a). Date of Action: November 9, 2005

Hisham Humsy, RCP, Certificate #: L04364

Area of Practice: Respiratory Care (Baltimore, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual practiced respiratory care without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5A-20. Date of Action: April 12, 2006

Kristal Joseph, RCP, Certificate #: L04455

Area of Practice: Respiratory Care (Cockeysville, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual practiced respiratory care without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5A-20. Date of Action: May 10, 2006

Patricia A. Love, P.A., Certificate #: C02407

Area of Practice: Physician Assistant (Cambridge, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual continued to practice without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §15-401. Date of Action: February 22, 2006

Semira Teclesenbet, MRT, Certification #: R06289

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technology (Largo, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual practiced medical radiation technology without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5B-17(b). Date of Action: January 25, 2006

Ann R. Unland, MRT, License #: R01262

Area of Practice: Medical Radiation Technology (Cockeysville, MD) Administrative fine in the amount of \$500. The individual practiced medical radiation technology without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5B-17(a). Date of Action: March 8, 2006

Keishla K. Williams, MRT, Certificate #: R07765

Area of Practice: Radiation Technology (Waldorf, MD) Administrative fine of \$500. The individual practiced medical radiation technology without a certificate issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-5B-17(a). Date of Action: April 26, 2006

NOTICE**Check your Profile**

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**BOARD OF NURSING CLARIFIES RULING ON
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS' ORDERS FOR
PROCEDURAL SEDATION**

In response to a request by the Board of Physicians, the Maryland Board of Nursing issued Maryland Board of Nursing Declaratory Ruling (DR) 06-1 on February 28, 2006. This ruling modifies and replaces DR 03-3.

The previously issued declaratory ruling permitted the registered nurse to administer procedural sedation prescribed by a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) or Certified Registered Nurse Midwife (CRNM) but not a Certified Physician Assistant. The revised declaratory ruling also allows a registered nurse to administer procedural sedation as prescribed by a Certified Physician Assistant (PA) when the Physician Assistant:

- a) has an approved delegation agreement which states that prescription of procedural sedation is a part of the physician assistant's practice; and
- b) is providing care and prescribing procedural sedation to the client population specified in the physician assistant's delegation agreement.

The full text of the Declaratory Ruling is available at the Maryland Board of Nursing website at <http://www.mbon.org/practice/dr/2006-1.pdf>.

**WARNING
REGARDING DELEGATION
OF FLUOROSCOPY**

The Board of Physicians has received several calls regarding the use of persons with an RCIS (Registered Cardiac Interventional Specialist) credential in cardiac catheterization or interventional radiology labs. The RCIS credential, issued by a not-for-profit organization, Cardiac Credentialing International, is not recognized in Maryland. Specifically, these individuals are not permitted to position patients, adjust settings on fluoroscopy equipment, or activate the fluoroscopy equipment. Neither a licensed physician nor a certified medical radiation technologist is permitted to delegate the operation of fluoroscopy equipment to an RCIS. A physician or medical radiation technologist who allows an unlicensed person to operate fluoroscopy equipment is aiding an unlicensed person in the practice of medical radiation technology and is subject to action by the Board against his/her license and/or a fine.

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