



COMING SOON

July 16, 2018: [Physician Renewal](#) begins for licenses expiring 9/30/2018 (Last names A-L)

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CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS (CHRC)

The Board has been receiving and reviewing thousands of CHRCs for individuals applying for initial licensure or renewing or reinstating a license. Click here to visit the Board's Web page with information about [Criminal History Record Checks](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Board has guidance for Maryland physicians and physician assistants to consider when determining whether and how to prescribe opioids? This guidance and other resources are available in the [Overdose Prevention](#) section of the Board's Website.

Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP)

The MDPCP application will be available this summer. MDPCP is a voluntary program, open to all eligible Maryland primary care providers, that offers financial and technical support for the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the state and allows providers to play an increasingly important role in improving health outcomes. For more information about MDPCP, visit <https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Pages/home.aspx>. (contributed by MDPCP)

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

A report from the NTSB highlights the importance of routinely discussing with patients the effect their diagnosed medical conditions or recommended drugs may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation. [Drug Use Trends in Aviation: Assessing the Risk of Pilot Impairment](#). (contributed by NTSB)

Legislative Update

During the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session, Board staff and Board members reviewed numerous bills to determine the impacts on the Board's licensees or the scope of the Board's mission. Visit the Board's "[New Laws and Regulations](#)" page for a snapshot of bills that passed.

Drug Dispensing Permits Update

New Board regulations, COMAR 10.32.23, regarding [drug dispensing permits](#) went into effect on March 26, 2018. The Board has created a new application process and - effective July 23, 2018 - will no longer accept the prior version of the application (dated 09/2017). For questions or to order the new application packet, send an e-mail to mdh.mbpdrugdispense@maryland.gov.

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Physician Assistants and Alternate Supervising Physicians

Primary supervising physicians of physician assistants do not need to file with the Board documentation about alternate supervising physicians (in any practice setting). See Code of

Maryland Regulations ([COMAR](#)) [10.32.03.07A\(3\)\(d\)](#). Primary supervising physicians must ensure that alternate supervising physician documentation is readily available, accessible, and provided to the Board upon request.



Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Effective July 1, 2018, Maryland statute requires CDS prescribers and pharmacists in Maryland to request and to assess data from the Maryland PDMP in certain prescribing and dispensing situations. To review the "PDMP Use Mandate Prescriber Fact Sheet," FAQs, and other PDMP info visit: <https://bha.health.maryland.gov/pdmp/Pages/Home.aspx>.



Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE)

The MHBE's Essential Community Providers (ECP) program is critical to insuring that Marylanders who live in low income or underserved areas have access to quality health care. If you are a provider who works with low income populations or in an area with limited health care resources, you may be an ECP. MHBE encourages you to submit a petition to be included in the ECP program through this form: http://bit.ly/MHBE_ECP. Questions may be e-mailed to mhbe.policy@maryland.gov. (contributed by MHBE)



Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact legislation passed during the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session. Implementation is slated for July 1, 2019. Click for the [Press Release from IMLC](#).