



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Maryland Board of Physicians



LICENSE RENEWAL

Renewal for M-Z Physicians begins July 15, 2019 and on August 5, 2019 for Athletic Trainers. Watch for notices from the Board about the start of online renewals. Questions may be emailed to mdh.mbprenewal@maryland.gov

Legislative Update

During the Maryland General Assembly session earlier this year, the Board reviewed numerous bills to determine the impacts on the Board's licensees or the scope of the Board's mission. Visit the [New Laws and Regulations](#) section of the Board's Website for a summary of bills of most impact to the Board.

Name / Address Changes

The Board voted in 2018 to issue administrative penalties to licensees who fail to keep the Board updated on name and address changes. By law, a licensee is required to notify the Board in writing of any change in the licensee's name or address within 60 days after the change. A licensee who fails to comply with this requirement is subject to an administrative penalty of \$100.

Corporate Practice of Medicine

The Board often receives inquiries about the corporate practice of medicine. The Board licenses only individuals to practice medicine and does not provide legal advice on whether specific factual scenarios violate the corporate practice of medicine doctrine. Entities seeking advice should consult legal counsel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Use of "M.D." and Related Terms

By law, only certain individuals can represent to the public that they are authorized to practice medicine in Maryland and can use the words or terms "Dr.", "doctor", "physician", "D.O.", or "M.D." with the intent to represent that the person practices medicine. See *§14-602(b) of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*.

EXPIRED LICENSES: INVALID DELEGATION AGREEMENTS (DAs) and EVALUATION & TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (ETPs)

All athletic trainers (ATs) must have a license and a Board-approved ETP with a Maryland licensed

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS



Licensing for physicians through the IMLC begins in Maryland on July 1, 2019. For application and fee information, [click here](#) for the new IMLC page on the Board's Website.



Reduction in Fees

In 2018, the Board approved a fee reduction that will result in a decrease of more than \$1.1 million in fees paid over the next two fiscal years. The fee reduction begins July 1, 2019 for the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years.



Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Update

Dispensers of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) medications are required by law to electronically report data on CDS prescription drugs dispensed to a patient or a patient's agent in or into the State of Maryland every 24 hours, including zero reports, effective July 1, 2019. Detailed instructions for compliance are available on the [Maryland PDMP](#) website.

Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Update

- **Cosmetic Medical Procedures:** A change to the definition of "cosmetic medical procedure," under COMAR 10.32.09.02, went into effect December 31, 2018.
- **Sexual Misconduct:** COMAR 10.32.17 has been revised, effective May 20, 2019.
- **Telehealth:** A proposal with the Board's telehealth regulations was published in the *Maryland Register* on April 12, 2019. Comments were accepted through May 13, 2019.
- **Co-Prescribing:** New regulations -

physician. Similarly, all physician assistants (PAs) must have a license and a 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, 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

"PILL MILL" TIP LINE

Maryland's "Pill Mill" Tip Line is 888-829-1115 for individuals to report suspected prescribing issues.

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"Guidelines for Co-Prescribing Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs" - went into effect June 17, 2019. See [COMAR 10.13.03](#), which applies to all licensed health care practitioners who may prescribe an opioid overdose reversal drug under certain circumstances.

Updates regarding Physician Assistants (PAs)

License Renewals

Licenses for PAs expire June 30, 2019. PAs who fail to renew will need to apply for license reinstatement. For more information, visit the [license renewal page](#).

Dispensing Regulations

Title 15 of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, permits PAs, under certain circumstances, to dispense prescription drugs without a dispensing permit issued by the Board. Frequently Asked Questions and application materials for PAs are available on the Board's Website. In April 2019, the Board invited stakeholders to submit informal comments on a draft of a proposal to amend regulations for PA dispensing.

PA Profiles: Revisions Coming Soon!

PAs soon will be able to terminate delegation agreements through their Board Website profiles or through the Board's license renewal system. Watch the Board's Website for an update on when this service will become available. In the meantime, the Board encourages PAs to routinely check their profiles to make sure their information is accurate.

Updated Delegation Agreement Form

The Board has revised its delegation agreement form for core duties. As of July 1, 2019, the Board will no longer accept prior versions. Click here for the [updated form](#).

Delegating the Ordering of Restraints to PAs

The Maryland Physician Assistants Act is silent about whether restraints are authorized to be delegated. The Board, however, **does not** authorize PAs to order restraints when it is otherwise prohibited by law.

Below the Board has included several citations to statutes and regulations that appear to require physicians to order restraints. Any authorization by the Board for PAs ordering restraints does not override these statutory requirements to the extent that they limit the ordering of restraints to physicians. The following statutes and regulations are not the entirety of statutes and

regulations governing ordering restraints.

- Health-General §§ 10-101(g), 10-701(a)(3), 10-701(c)(3)
- COMAR 10.21.12.02B(10)
- COMAR 10.21.12.05
- Health-General § 19-343(b)(2)(vi)
- COMAR 10.07.09.14A(3)
- COMAR 10.07.02.22B(2)(b)
- COMAR 10.07.14.37D and E
- COMAR 10.07.22.18G
- Health-General § 7-1002(b)(4) and (5)
- 42 C.F.R. 482.13(e)(5)

(Note: Physicians and PAs must have a Board-approved delegation agreement on file with the Board.)