

MBP Spring 2026 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.



NEWSLETTER

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Legislative Update

The Maryland General Assembly's 2026 legislative session concluded on April 13, 2026. Legislation that successfully passed includes:

- **Senate Bill 915 / House Bill 1047 — State Board of Physicians - Delegation of Duties — Alterations**, effective October 1, 2026. This bill authorizes individuals who have completed the first year of an accredited radiological technologist educational program in good standing and who meet all other requirements to apply to register as a limited X-ray machine operator and establishes disciplinary grounds for limited X-ray machine operators.
- **Senate Bill 326 / House Bill 377 — Physician Assistants and Midwives — Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2026)**, effective October 1, 2026. This bill alters certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions.
- **Senate Bill 891 / House Bill 1118 — Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations — Perinatal Behavioral Health Conditions**, effective July 1, 2026 / January 1, 2027. This bill requires certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal health conditions at certain times, and requires a health occupations board to grant two continuing education credits per one hour of perinatal behavioral health training to licensees who evaluate and manage perinatal care.
- **House Bill 771 — Health Occupations — Human Trafficking Awareness Training**, effective June 1, 2026. This bill requires a health occupations board to grant two continuing education credits per one hour of human trafficking awareness training and to conduct outreach to make licensees aware of the human trafficking awareness training programs available.
- **House Bill 1365 - Health Occupations and Insurance — Menopause — Provider Training and Coverage Requirements**, effective July 1, 2026 / October 1, 2026 / January 1, 2027. This bill requires certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause-associated symptoms as determined by the treating health care provider and requires a health occupations board to grant two continuing education credits per one hour of continuing education on menopause and menopause-associated symptoms to licensees who evaluate and manage menopause or menopause-associated symptoms.

Naturopathic Doctors: Requirements for Collaboration and Consultation Agreements

Naturopathic doctors are reminded that as of October 1, 2025, there are new requirements regarding collaboration and consultation agreements:

- A naturopathic doctor is required to maintain a collaboration and consultation agreement with a Maryland-licensed physician to practice naturopathic medicine in Maryland ([Health Occupations, §14-5F-12.1](#)).
- In the event of the sudden departure of the physician named in the collaboration and consultation agreement, the naturopathic doctor is required to enter into a new collaboration and consultation agreement before practicing in Maryland ([Health Occupations, §14-5F-12.1](#)).
- The physician and the naturopathic doctor named in a collaboration and consultation agreement must notify the Board within 10 days of the agreement's termination, including the reason for termination. Naturopathic doctors must terminate their collaboration and consultation agreement in their [Practitioner Profile](#). ([Health Occupations, §14-5F-12.2](#)).

Having trouble finding a collaborating physician? Reach out to the [Maryland Naturopathic Doctors Association](#) at marylandnaturopathic@gmail.com for assistance!

Physician Assistants: Collaboration Agreement Termination Reminders

- Physician assistants must report the termination of a collaboration agreement for any reason within **5 days**. A termination report must include the (1) name and license number of the patient care team physician and physician assistant and (2) reason for termination, including a description of conduct or incident that resulted in the termination ([COMAR 10.32.03.12A.\(4\)](#)). *Failure to report the termination of a collaboration agreement within the required timeframe may result in an administrative penalty* ([Health Occupations, §15-302\(m\)](#)).
- Physician assistants must terminate their collaboration agreement in their [Practitioner Profile](#). Physician assistants or supervising physicians must also terminate a prior delegation agreement in their [Practitioner Profile](#).
- Physician assistants must retain a collaboration agreement and all documentation pertaining to the collaboration agreement for **5 years after termination** of the collaboration for Board inspection ([COMAR 10.32.03.06A.\(1\)](#)).

Allied Health Licensure by Endorsement - Coming Soon

Licensure by endorsement is a new, expedited licensure pathway that will be available for allied health applicants soon. Under licensure by endorsement, the Board will accept licensure that is unrestricted and in good standing from another state as sufficient evidence that the applicant has met some or all of

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ALSO THIS MONTH

Upcoming Renewals

The license renewal period for psychiatrist assistants begins on June 1, 2026, and the license expires on June 30, 2026.

The license renewal period for respiratory care practitioners began on April 1, 2026, and the license expires on May 30, 2026.

The license renewal period for physicians whose last name starts with A-L begins on July 15, 2026, and the license expires on September 30, 2026.

Website Resources: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) & Regulation Tracker

The Board is committed to providing on-demand, comprehensive resources to all licensees on the Board's

the requirements for licensure in Maryland if certain requirements are met. Applicants must have no disciplinary history towards any license held, no pending complaints or investigations against any license held, and must complete a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting.

Important Reminders

Death Certificates

Maryland law mandates that physicians and physician assistants complete a medical certification within 24 hours after receiving a death certificate. [Section 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." 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

Keep Your Address Updated

All licensees are reminded to maintain a current address and to notify the Board within 30 days of a change in address. A licensee who fails to notify the Board of a change in address within the required timeframe may be fined. Having the correct address on file is essential for licensees to receive important notifications from the Board. To update your address, log in to your [Practitioner Profile](#).

Medical Practice Closure and Medical Records

A licensee who closes their practice is required to notify the Board in writing of the custodian and maintenance of the remaining medical records in accordance with State law ([Health General, §4-403](#)). Medical records must be maintained by another healthcare provider, the administrator of your estate, or a designee who has agreed to maintain the records. More information can be found on the Board's website ([Medical Records Retention & Fees FAQs](#)).

Continuing Education Requirements

It is important that all licensees are 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](#)). 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

website. Licensees are encouraged to review 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.

Scam Alert

Recent alerts provided to the Maryland Board of Physicians (MBP) warn that scammers are posing as medical board investigators and contacting licensees by telephone, in writing, and email. Scammers will claim the licensee's license is at risk unless they send money, and/or individuals will receive an application notification stating that their application has been received, prompting them to click a link. It has been reported that the scammer will claim that "their medical license was being used fraudulently in Texas." If you receive any communication by phone, letter, or email demanding immediate payment or personal information, MBP advises NOT sharing personal or financial information with the individual or individuals requesting it. In addition, MBP advises licensees to be cautious of links in emails. *Please check the [Board's website](#) regularly for "Scam Alerts" to keep up to date on the latest scam attempts.* The Federal Trade Commission [has offered tips on how to avoid a scam.](#)

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.

Mental Health Resources for Practitioners

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. If a licensee is experiencing mental health challenges, they should be aware that there are resources available to them, including:

1. 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.
2. 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline will offer immediate support via phone call or text message for any individual experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. More information is available in the [Maryland 988 Toolkit](#), [SAMHSA 988 Toolkit](#), or by viewing the Maryland [988 Promotional Videos and Ad Reel](#).

ACCME PARS - New Reporting Method for Continuing Medical Education

The Board has collaborated with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to implement a new, automated continuing medical education (CME) reporting system. Licensees can now request the educational provider to report their CME credits to ACCME's Program and Activity Report Systems (PARS). The Board will be able to access this information. Licensees will have to provide their name, month and day of birth, and license number or national provider identifier (NPI) for the educational provider to be able to automatically verify and share their participation. Any accredited CME provider can report CME credits through this program. Participation in PARS is voluntary and free of charge. Direct any questions to your participating accredited educational provider. More information can be found [here](#).



Board Email Addresses

General Inquiries | Policy Questions | Licensure
Inquiries: mbpmail@rcn.com

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](#)

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