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Upcoming Board Meetings:



West Virginia Board of Medicine

The Board of Medicine office reopened to licensees and the public on May 19, 2021. We ask that you continue to maintain social distancing protocols.

Letter from the President

by Kishore K. Challa, MD

As much as I endeavor to keep my bi-annual columns upbeat and positive, I admit to a touch of melancholy this time around. Ahmed D. Faheem, MD, DLFAPA, concluded his long and distinguished service with the Board of Medicine in November, and I Dr. Challa will sorely miss my friend and mentor.

Dr. Faheem's impact on the Board, and on me personally, cannot be overstated. We both came to the U.S. from Hyderabad, India, and established our practices in West Virginia - his in psychiatry and mine in cardiology. I got to know him through service on the Board, where he served four five-year terms (plus), including four years as President, concluding in 2018. I was honored to be his vice president.

We all have come to know Dr. Faheem as a physician of impeccable credentials, vast experience, and seemingly boundless energy. He possesses an institutional knowledge of the



cine's functions that simply cannot be replaced. Not only has he served our Board on virtually every committee, in every capacity, he also has offered his expertise on

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a state and national level.

Faheem has served Dr. the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) as a board member fellow and as a member of its Nominating Committee. He earned the FSMB John H. Clark, MD, Leadership Award in 2019.

Former Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin appointed him to the Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse, leading to funding and policy initiatives that continue to have statewide impact to this day. His work in malpractice reform, substance abuse, teen outreach and community service has been recognized by the West Virginia State Medical Association and the

West Virginia Mutual Insurance Co., among others.

I am confident Dr. Faheem will continue to serve the Board of Medicine and the state of West Virginia in some capacity going forward. That's just his nature.

Meanwhile, I offer my congratulations to our friend and former Board member, Dr. Rahul Gupta, who in October was confirmed by the U.S. Senate

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WV BOARD OF MEDICINE Board Updates

Dr. Radhakrishna U. Kukkillaya of Charleston joined the West Virginia Board of Medicine in November, succeeding Dr. Ahmed Faheem, who served on the Board with distinction. Board President Kishore Challa, MD,

has appointed him to serve on the Licensure and Physician Assistant committees.

Dr. Kukkillaya is currently in private practice at Sathish and Radha Internal Medicine Group in Logan and is an attending physi-

cian at Logan Regional Medical Center (LRMC). A specialist in internal medicine, he serves as director/chairman of the Utilization Committee and Quality Resource Management at LRMC. He chairs the medical center's Mortality Committee. He serves as the physician advisor to LRMC on case management/ utilization/quality issues and is a member of the hospital's Medical Executive Committee.

He previously served as LRMC's medical staff president,

chairman of the Medical Executive Committee, a member of the hospital's Governing Board, and chairman of the Credential Committee and Department of Medicine.

Dr. Kukkillaya earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from

Kasturba Medical College in India. He was the chief resident of the internal medicine residency program at United Healthcare System in Newark, where he was selected by the program as the best intern for 1994. He and his wife, Sandhya, have one

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www.wvbom.wv.gov email: wvbom@wv.gov daughter and two sons.

Dr. Carrie Lakin completed her term with the Board of Medicine in 2021. Dr. Lakin most recently served on the Board's Complaint Committee with diligence and dedication. Her contributions to the Board were significant.



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as director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He is the first physician to hold this position. Dr. Gupta previously served West Virginia as commissioner and state health officer for DHHR's Bureau for Public Health before leaving three years ago to serve with the March of Dimes.

Finally, I want to commend my fellow board members for their continued engagement over the past two years of virtual Board and committee meetings. Their high attendance, perseverance and dedication has truly been remarkable.

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Mark A. Spangler, MA, LPC-R, executive director of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, has been elected chair of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission oversees the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), an organization which provides an expedited pathway to licensure for physicians who want to practice in multiple states.

Spangler's election took place Nov. 16 during the IMLCC's annual meeting in Denver. He and other commissioners newly elected to leadership positions assumed their positions at the conclusion of the meeting. Other new officers include Commissioner Christine Farrelly (Maryland), vice chair; Commissioner Karen Silas (Alabama), treasurer; and Commissioner Jesse Cushman (Nebraska), immediate past chair.

"The IMLC continues to grow at a remarkable pace, and with the expansion of telemedicine technologies, we expect that growth to continue," Spangler said. "The IMLC helps to expand access to care, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, while preserving public safety through state-based medical regulation."

The Compact provides an expedited process for physi-

cians to obtain a full, unrestricted license from other member states. The physician's state of principal licensure must be a Compact member. Participating state and territorial medical boards have issued 27,860 medical licenses through the end of December.

The West Virginia Board of Medicine, through Dec. 31, has issued 636 medical licenses through the IMLC, as well as 122 Letters of Qualification for West Virginia physicians seeking to also practice in other states.

West Virginia was the fifth state in the country to join the Compact, in March 2015, and has played a key role in the IMLC's development, implementation, and expansion. The Compact now includes 33 states, the District of Columbia, and the territory of Guam as member jurisdictions. Legislation currently is pending in four states – Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and North Carolina.

Spangler has served as executive director of the West Virginia Board of Medicine since January 2017. The Board of Medicine is the regulatory, licensing, and disciplinary authority for more than 8,900 active allopathic medical doctors (MDs), podiatric physicians (DPMs) and physician assistants (PAs) who collaborate with MDs. Spangler is a staff-fellow of the Federation of State Medical Boards and serves on the State Board Advisory Council to the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination. Previously, he has served as an IMLC commissioner and as chair of the IMLC's Communication Committee.

Spangler also was recently appointed vice president of Administrators in Medicine's Board of Directors. AIM a national notfor-profit organization for state medical and osteopathic board members, whose focus on education, research and online services has resulted in development of programs for licensure analysts, a certification program for medical board investigators, and a certified medical board executive training program.



M. Spangler

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by Brian A. Gallagher, RPh, JD

Deaths from opioid overdoses have reached staggering heights and efforts must be redoubled to reverse this trend. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported nearly 90,000 drug overdose deaths in the 12-month period ending in October 2020 250 deaths per day - the highest ever in a 12-month period. Between May 2020 and May 2021, West Virginia experienced a 42 percent increase in overdose deaths compared to the previous 12-month period. Naloxone reverses the effect of opioids and saves lives; more widespread availability of naloxone could greatly reduce the number of drug overdose deaths.

Facts about naloxone

Naloxone (brand name Narcan) is an FDAapproved opioid antagonist that has been used for more than 50 years to specifically treat opioid overdose. The drug has no effect whatsoever to the patient unless opioids are in the patients' system and side effects are very rare. While it readily displaces both natural and synthetic opioids from their binding sites in the central nervous system, naloxone doesn't activate the binding site so there is no "high." It typically acts within 3-5 minutes to reverse the respiratory depression which leads to death in overdose cases.

Naloxone is safe and effective for everyone, including pregnant and nursing women as well as children. It is also easily administered. The drug comes in an auto injector formulation and the device can even be injected through clothing. It is also easily administered via a prepackaged nasal spray. Naloxone does not cause addiction, and there is no scientific evidence that it increases risky drug use. In short, the benefits of providing naloxone are dramatic while the potential pitfalls are virtually nonexistent.

Key strategy

Getting more naloxone close to patients who may overdose is a central component of the fight against opioids. In 2018, Surgeon General Jerome Adams, MD, endorsed the widespread distribution of naloxone. Adams issued an advisory "emphasizing the importance of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone." He urged Americans to carry naloxone for themselves, friends, or family at risk of an opioid overdose.

The CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain states, "Clinicians should incorporate into the (pain) management plan strategies to mitigate risk, including considering offering naloxone when factors that increase risk for opioid overdose, such as history of overdose, history of substance use disorder, higher opioid dosages or concurrent benzodiazepine use, are present."

The federal government's five-point strategy for dealing with the opioid crisis includes targeting availability and distribution of overdose reversing drugs (e.g., naloxone). Co-prescribing is an essential part of achieving this part of the strategy and is saving lives.

What is "co-prescribing?"

"Co-prescribing" is simply issuing an additional prescription for naloxone whenever an opioid prescription is issued to an at-risk patient.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) advises physicians to consider co-prescribing of naloxone to patients who:

- take high doses of opioids for long-term pain management;
- are being discharged from emergency care for an overdose;
- take extended-release or long-acting opioids' or,

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 are completing opioid detoxification or are in an abstinence program.

Some states base additional guidelines on morphine milligram equivalents (MME), typically greater than 50 MME. Others consider patients who resume opioid use after a period of abstinence (i.e., those with decreased tolerance), those with respiratory problems such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or people who have been diagnosed with substance use disorder (SUD).

In West Virginia, many medication-assisted therapy (MAT) programs provide naloxone concurrently with buprenorphine prescriptions. At PROACT (Provider Response Organization for Addiction Care and Treatment) in Huntington, every patient at intake is educated on and supplied with naloxone along with their first MAT prescription for buprenorphine.

Education of the patient's family and friends is critical to any successful co-prescribing strategy and pharmacists can help with this effort.

Co-prescribing for these at-risk patients greatly improves the chances of survival in case of accidental overdose. Mere minutes can be the difference between life and death.

Rationale for co-prescribing

Research shows how co-prescribing could save lives. A study of 587 prescription opioid overdose deaths between 2011 and 2013 showed 77.6 percent occurred in the patient's home and 21 percent were witnessed, while 70.4 percent of the witnesses who saw symptoms of the overdose took no action. Another study from 2018 found that in patients with a diagnosis of opioid use disorder who were given take-home naloxone, 13 percent were successfully revived from an overdose and that 87 percent of the time, the naloxone was administered by a friend or family member.

Nationally, the average time for EMS to re-

spond to an overdose call is seven minutes and more than 14 minutes in rural settings while permanent brain damage can occur after just four minutes. Given the predominantly rural, mountainous landscape and challenging roads in West Virginia, co-prescribing can save the lives of many West Virginians.

The American Medical Association Opioid Task Force, composed of 26 national and state organizations representing physicians and dentists, endorses co-prescribing of naloxone, stating, "Though (it) is not a guarantee for an overdose reversal, it does provide a tangible option for care that otherwise may not be available in a timely manner."

In 2016, the Annals of Internal Medicine published a study of naloxone co-prescribing to primary care patients receiving long-term opioid therapy for pain. This study showed that co-prescribing resulted in a 63 percent decrease in emergency room visits in the first year.

Co-prescribing of naloxone is also promoted by the World Health Organization, many federal agencies including CDC and SAMHSA, and several states. The Medical Association of Georgia and the Georgia Department of Public Health have collaborated to create the "Save Lives, Co-Prescribe Naloxone" campaign that encourages prescribers in Georgia to co-prescribe naloxone for appropriate patients. In addition, many patient, consumer, and other advocacy groups involved in combatting opioid death strongly support co-prescribing.

While changing naloxone from prescription only to an over-the-counter medication (OTC) would greatly increase access, states cannot act unilaterally to make it OTC. Many states have instead developed "work-arounds" to make prescribing easier. New York requires opioid prescribers to co-prescribe naloxone to at-risk patients including people with opioid prescriptions of 50

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or more MME, a history of substance use disorder or concurrent use of benzodiazepines or nonbenzodiazepine sedative hypnotics. New Mexico law requires that health care providers prescribe naloxone when the patient is given more than a four-day supply of opioids.

States have enacted statewide protocols, statewide standing orders or pharmacist prescribing to increase the availability of naloxone. West Virginia recently passed legislation authorizing the state medical officer to issue a statewide standing order that allows pharmacist dispensing of naloxone to anyone upon request without an individualized prescription from his or her own prescriber.

These workarounds are only a partial solution, however, because patients often are reluctant to go to the pharmacy to get naloxone on their own without a prescription from their doctor. Why? The cost of the medication (may not be covered by insurance without a prescription), requirements to show identification, and stigma from some pharmacists are among the deterrents.

There are multiple scenarios where people with legitimate need for opioids could overdose and need readily available naloxone to save their lives. For example, elderly, overmedicated or confused patients can easily overdose on prescription opioids or children can inappropriately access opioids in the home and accidentally overdose.

WV initiatives and legal protections

Three new initiatives are under way from the WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). A draft policy would require physicians to co-prescribe naloxone at least yearly to patients on MAT for SUD. Second, pharmacists will be provided alerts to dispense naloxone to patients meeting certain criteria that might put them at risk for overdose. Lastly, a small pilot program to pay pharmacists for counseling certain opioid patients

including an opioid risk assessment, naloxone education, and perhaps free naloxone and drug disposal bags.

From a liability perspective, West Virginia has joined 32 other states in providing civil and criminal immunity for prescribers and dispensers of naloxone. Moreover, West Virginia is one of 48 states that grant civil and criminal immunity to laypersons who administer naloxone.

Conclusion

Given the number of preventable deaths currently occurring from the overdose epidemic coupled with the huge benefits and virtually no downsides to making naloxone more available, co-prescribing should be incorporated into the daily practice of all prescribers of opioids. By voluntarily adopting co-prescribing as the standard of care or best practice, West Virginia physicians are in an ideal position to leverage co-prescribing as an essential weapon in the arsenal to fight opioid overdoses.

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Staff Updates

During its November meeting, the West Virginia Board of Medicine welcomed Sara Fields, who joined the staff in late October as a licensure analyst. She formerly worked at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Fields succeeds Angela Scholl, who resigned to pursue another career opportunity. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Formerly, the Licensure, Certification and Renewals Division

consisted of a supervisor, one analyst dedicated to physician

> assistants. and two analysts who processed physician and podiatric physician applications. To promote cross-coverage and to distribute the workload more evenly, the division is restructuring so that all three

analysts process applications across all profession types.

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Zouhair Mohamad Wadih Kabbara, MD 07/12/2021 - Revocation of License **Consent Order**

Thomas Joseph Schmitt, MD 07/20/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice Consent Order

Frederick William Barker, MD 07/23/2021 - Education and **Training Required Consent Order**

Oluyemisis Reuben Sangodeyi, MD 08/06/2021 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order**

Kevin Sanford Smith, MD 08/06/2021 - Probation of License **Consent Order**

Hanibal Mahdi, MD 08/19/2021 - Public Reprimand **Consent Order**

Daniel Salmeron, MD 09/17/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty **Consent Order** Sriramloo Kesari, MD

09/17/2021 - Revocation of License **Consent Order**

Mark W. Allen, MD 11/10/2021 - Public Reprimand Consent Order

James Edwin Prommersberger, DPM 11/10/2021 - Revocation of License **Board Order**

Initial Licensure, Change of Licensure Status and/ or Licensure Renewal Application Related Action

Frederick Adolph Reichle, MD 06/02/2021 - Voluntary Surrender of License Consent Order

Hemant Sarin, MD 06/03/2021 - License Reinstatement Denied Final Order

Anand Raj Dugar, MD 07/12/2021 - Limitation or Restriction on License/Practice Consent Order

Amber Marie Allen, DPM 07/19/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Michael Curtis Shockley, MD 07/20/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty **Consent Order**

Eston Robert Caldwell, III, MD 07/20/2021 - Public Reprimand Consent Order

Richard John Mailloux, MD 07/23/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Dibbendu Mahanayak, MD 09/17/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Lana Dawn Christiano, MD 10/22/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty **Consent Order**

Robert Joseph Crow, Jr., MD 10/22/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penaltv **Consent Order**

David Alfred Ghaphery, MD 10/22/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order

Ruthie Shannon Cooper, MD 10/28/2021 - Administrative **Fine/Monetary Penalty Consent Order**

Fulvio Rogelio Franyutti, MD 11/10/2021 - Administrative Fine/Monetary Penalty **Consent Order**

Termination of Order

Brenna Leigh Steinberg, DPM 09/17/2021 - Termination of Consent Order **Board Order**

Yenisey Yanes, DPM 09/17/2021 - Termination of Consent Order Board Order

Interstate Telehealth Registrations Now Accepted

The West Virginia Board of Medicine has begun issuing Interstate Telehealth Registrations to eligible physicians (MDs), podiatric physicians (DPMs) and physician assistants (PAs) who seek to provide telehealth services to patients located in West Virginia from another U.S. state. This new process is the result of HB 2024, signed into law by Gov. Jim Justice, effective March 30, 2021.

Among its provisions, the new law authorizes the establishment of a provider-patient relationship using telehealth technology with real-time audio and video conferencing.

An Interstate Telehealth Registration is not a license to practice medicine and surgery in West Virginia. Practitioners who seek to treat patients in person in West Virginia, or who seek to provide telehealth services from an office located in West Virginia or from an international location, must hold an active status West Virginia MD, DPM or PA license.

A practitioner is eligible to apply for an Interstate Telehealth Registration if all the following requirements are continuously met:

- The practitioner holds a valid, active MD, DPM or PA license issued by another state licensing authority or board;
- 2. The practitioner is in good standing in all states in which the practitioner is licensed;
- The practitioner is not the subject of a pending administrative complaint before another state licensing authority or board; and
- The practitioner is not currently under investigation by another state licensing authority or board.

PAs who register to provide interstate telehealth services to West Virginia patients must submit a Practice Notification and receive notice of activation from the Board prior to commencing practice. Additional information regarding Practice Notifications is available <u>here</u>.

Initial Interstate Telehealth Registrations are valid for a period of up to one year, and automatically expire on March 31, 2022, unless the applicant renews the registration. Registrations may be renewed annually. Initial application fees are \$175 for MDs and DPMs, and \$100 for PAs. As of Dec. 31, 2021, the Board of Medicine has issued 15 MD telehealth registrations and two PA telehealth registrations. The Board has promulgated an <u>emergency rule</u> to implement HB 2024, and a legislative rule is in process for consideration by the Legislature during the 2022 legislative session. Among other things, the rule establishes the standard of care for the provision of telehealth services by registered and licensed providers.

Contact Information

All licensees must provide the board with timely notice of all changes of address, including email addresses. A valid email address is important for licensees to receive notifications from the board regarding news releases and licensure renewal.

Click on the link below to access the Licensee Change of Contact Information section of the board's website. Your preferred contact information, although not published on the Board's website, may be subject to release pursuant to a public records request.

Licensee Change of Contact Information

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The 2021 renewal period for educational permit holders, medical doctors whose last names begin with the letters M through Z, all podiatric physicians, controlled substance dispensing practitioner registration for medical doctors whose last names begin with the letters M through Z and all podiatric physicians, and professional limited liability companies began on May 5, 2021, and concluded at 4:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time on June 30, 2021.

Credential Type	Eligible to Renew	Number Renewed
M-Z Traditional License*	3713	3147
M-Z IMLC License	214	168
Medical School Faculty	7	6
Restricted License in Extraordinary Circumstances	7	6
Volunteer License	7	5
CSDP Registration – MD	182	115
Educational Permit	633	477
DPM License	142	121
CSDP Registration - DPM	15	10
PLLC Certificate of Authorization	157	136

* Does not include Medical School Faculty, Restricted License in Extraordinary Circumstance or IMLC

All Current Physician Assistant Practice Agreements Will Terminate on June 1, 2022

The <u>West Virginia Physician Assistants Practice Act</u> was updated in 2021, as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 714. Currently, to practice in West Virginia all PAs must hold an active status license or registration issued by the Board and have either:

- A Practice Agreement with a specific collaborating physician that was authorized by the Board prior to July 8, 2021; OR
- 2. An activated Practice Notification with a health care facility to practice in collaboration with physicians.

PAs who are currently practicing pursuant to an authorized Practice Agreement with a specific collaborating physician may continue to do so until the agreement terminates or until June 1, 2022, whichever is sooner.

On June 1, 2022, all authorized Practice Agreements will terminate, and PAs must have an active status license or registration as well as an active Practice Notification with a health care facility in order practice.

PAs who are unsure whether they have a Practice Agreement or a Practice Notification should check their Board of Medicine Licensee Profile. If an individual physician is listed as the collaborating physician, the PA is practicing pursuant to a Practice Agreement, rather than a hospital Practice Notification or a Practice Notification. In March 2022, all PAs will receive an email reminder that his/ her Practice Agreement(s) will terminate on June 1, 2022, unless updated to a Practice Notification prior to June 1, 2022.

The Practice Notification Form and instructions are available on Board's website.

WV BOARD OF MEDICINE WINTER 2022 - PAGE 11 2022 FSMB Annual Meeting

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) will host its 110th annual meeting April 28-30, 2022, in New Orleans. The event, under the theme "Messaging and Partnership: Strengthening Medical Regulation," will be held at the New Orleans Marriott.

FSMB is a national non-profit organization representing more than 70 state medical and osteopathic boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals.

The three-day intensive program brings together national experts in the field of medical licensure and discipline to discuss current and future challenges facing medical regulators. A virtual component will be offered for those unable to attend in person. The general sessions offered on Thursday and Saturday mornings, along with some of the general panel discussions, will be live-streamed. The FSMB's Ethics and Professionalism Committee, which includes WV board member Rev. Janet Harman, is finalizing draft recommendations for consideration at the April meeting. Member boards will receive an advance copy of the draft to offer feedback before it heads to the FSMB House of Delegates.

The annual meeting also will feature elections to the FSMB Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, appointment of staff fellows to the Board of Directors, appointments to standing/ special committees and workgroups, and resolutions for consideration by the FSMB House of Delegates.

The FSMB also recognizes outstanding service and remarkable leadership among individuals and organizations involved in medical licensure and discipline. Annual awards recognizing outstanding service in medical regulation will be presented at the annual meeting.

DHHR Launches WV Database Application for Vital Events (DAVE)

The West Virginia Department of Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health, Health Statistics Center (HSC) is launching a new electronic death registration system.

To ease the transition of death registration to an electronic system, WV DAVE began phasing in on Jan. 1, 2022, with full transition scheduled for March 1, 2022. During this 60-day grace period, HSC will support both the new electronic death registration system as well as the paper process currently in place. Providers should continue to report all deaths associated with COVID-19 to their local health department.

If you have not already enrolled in WV DAVE, you may do so by visiting <u>https://davewv.vitalchek.</u> <u>com</u> and click New User Enrollment. Self-paced training is available online.

For additional information regarding WV DAVE, contact HSC at (304) 558-2931.

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The West Virginia Board of Medicine issued 345 medical doctor licenses, 145 medical doctor licenses es via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, seven podiatric physician licenses, and 87 physician assistant licenses for the period of May through November 2021. Congratulations to:

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Mandatory Controlled Substance CME for all Licensees

Physicians who have prescribed, administered, or dispensed any controlled substance pursuant to a West Virginia license in the two-year reporting period preceding renewal are required to have completed three hours of Board-approved continuing medical education (CME) in drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training during the reporting period.

This is not a one-time only requirement.

For 2022 license renewal applicants, this training must be completed during the reporting period of July 1, 2020, through the date of attestation on a renewal application. The Board maintains a list of all Board-approved three-hour courses. Click on the link to review a list of previous and upcoming conferences which satisfy this CME requirement, as well as available online courses:

Board-approved CME courses for physicians who will be renewing on or before June 30, 2022.

A physician may seek a waiver of this requirement by attesting on the renewal application that he or she has not prescribed, administered, or dispensed any controlled substances pursuant to a West Virginia license since July 1, 2020.

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WV BOARD OF MEDICINE WINTER 2022 - PAGE 16 2022 Legislative Preview

The approaching second session of the 85th West Virginia Legislature likely will include action on a variety of health care topics, both new and familiar, from telemedicine, to changes in Board of Medicine rules, to challenges of current laws regarding immunization and abortion.

The session, which began Jan. 12, saw changes in some key leadership positions. Del. Matthew Rohrbach, MD, a Cabell County gastroenterologist and internal medicine specialist, will chair the House Committee on Health and Human Resources. Del. Rohrbach, who was first elected to the House in 2014, served as vice chair in 2021. The committee's vice chairman will be Del. Dean Jeffries of Kanawha County, who has a background in health care administration. Del. Mike Pushkin is minority chair.

Sen. Mike Maroney, MD, a Wheeling-based radiologist, returns as chair of the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee. Sen. Amy Grady will serve as vice chair.

Sen. Tom Takubo, DO, returns to his role as Senate Majority Leader.

The Legislature's Rule-Making Review Committee in September agreed to seven rules changes proposed by the Board of Medicine. These include:

- Licensing and Disciplinary Procedures: Physicians, Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons, 11 CSR 1A;
- Licensure, Disciplinary and Complaint Procedures, Continuing Education, Physician Assistants, 11 CSR B;
- Rules for Dispensing of Prescription Drugs by Practitioners, 11 CSR 5;
- Continuing Education for Physicians and Podiatric Physicians, 11 CSR 6;
- Practitioner Requirements for Accessing the West Virginia Controlled Substances Monitoring Program Database, 11 CSR 10;

- Establishment and Regulation of Limited License to Practice Medicine, and Surgery at Certain State Veterans Nursing Home Facilities, 11 CSR 11; and,
- Registration to Practice During a Declared State of Emergency, 11 CSR 14.

During December interim committee meetings, the Rule-Making Review Committee amended and approved Telehealth and Interstate Telehealth Registration for Physicians, Podiatric Physicians and Physician Assistants, 11 CSR 15.

All the new, modified or amended rules will be presented to the Legislature as bills during the 2022 regular session, and will eventually be included in a "rules bundle" for final consideration.

Here are some key dates for the 2022 regular session:

- Monday, Jan. 31 20th day of the session. Legislative Rule-Making Review bills due.
- Tuesday, Feb. 15 35th day of the session. Last day to introduce bills in the House. (This does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriations bills, nor to House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.)
- Monday, Feb. 21 41st day of the session. Last day to introduce bills in the Senate. (This does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriations bills, nor to Senate resolutions or concurrent resolutions.)
- Sunday, Feb. 27 47th day of the session. Bills due out of committees to ensure three full days of readings.
- Wednesday, March 2 50th day of the session. Last day to consider bills on third reading in their house of origin for "cross-over."
- Saturday, March 12 60th and final day of the session.

2022 RENEWAL INFORMATION

Board of Medicine applicants, registrants and licensees are individually responsible for all information contained on applications and/or forms that are submitted to the Board. Each applicant, registrant and licensee must personally read, complete, and sign the document that is being submitted to the Board. Authorizing anyone to complete an application and/or form can constitute misconduct and/or fraud.

Renewal notices and will be sent via electronic mail to the address that the board has on file; therefore, please promptly apprise the board of any contact information changes.

Credential Type	Renewal Period	Renewal Fee	Renewal Method			
Interstate Telehealth Registrations (MDs, DPMs and PAs)	Feb. 2, 2022, through 4:30 pm EDT on March 31, 2022	MDs and DPMs –\$175 PAs - \$50	Printable renewal applica- tion will be available on the Board's website on Feb. 2, 2022			
MDs (Whose Last Names Begin with the Letters A-L) with Tradi- tional Licensure	May 4, 2022 through 4:30 pm EDT on June 30, 2022	Active Status - \$400 Inactive Status - \$150	Online renewal applica- tion will be available on the Board's website on May 4, 2022			
MDs (Whose Last Names Begin with the Letters A-L) with Com- pact Licensure Through the Inter- state Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)	May 4, 2022, through 4:30 pm EDT June 30, 2022	IMLC - \$25 WVBOM - \$400 Payment of both fees is made through the IMLC.	Online IMLC renewal ap- plication will be available through a link provided by the WVBOM on May 4, 2022. The paper West Vir- ginia IMLC renewal adden- dum must be completed within 30 days of comple- tion of IMLC renewal.			
Controlled Substance Dispensing Registrations for MDs Whose Last Names Begin with the Letters A-L	May 4, 2022 through 4:30 pm EDT June 30, 2022	\$30 per dispensing location	Printable renewal applica- tion will be available on the Board's website on May 4, 2022			
Educational Permits	May 4, 2022 through 4:30 pm EDT June 30, 2022	\$100	Printable renewal applica- tion will be available on the website on May 4, 2022			
Certificate of Authorization for PLLCs	May 4, 2022 through 4:30 pm EDT June 30, 2022	\$100	Paper renewal application will be mailed to each ac- tive status PLLC on May 2, 2022.			

A license, registration, permit or authorization that is not renewed during the appropriate renewal period will automatically expire. If a license, registration, permit, or authorization expires, the licensee, registrant, permit holder and/or company should expect an interruption in practice.