



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Drug Enforcement Administration Backs Away From Major Changes in Registration Renewals

Starting January 1, 2017, The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will no longer send registrants their second renewal notification by mail. Instead, an electronic reminder to renew will be sent to the email address associated with the DEA registration. At this time, DEA will otherwise retain its current policy and procedures with respect to renewal and reinstatement of registration. This policy is as follows:

- If a renewal application is submitted in a timely manner prior to expiration, the registrant may continue operations, authorized by the registration, beyond the expiration date until final action is taken on the application.
- DEA allows the reinstatement of an expired registration for one calendar month after the expiration date. If the registration is not renewed within that calendar month, an application for a new DEA registration will be required.
- Regardless of whether a registration is reinstated within the calendar month after expiration, federal law prohibits the handling of controlled substances or List 1 chemicals for any period of time under an expired registration.

Last fall the DEA announced several significant changes in the registration process, including the elimination a second renewal notice, the elimination of the grace period for renewals, and the elimination of the ability to renew a registration online after the expiration date. On December 20, 2016, the DEA released a notice that it would not pursue the changes, but will retain its current policy as described above.

For more information go to: <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg/index.html>

Board Orders can be viewed under the Physician Profile/
Verification of License link on the Board's website at
www.kbml.ky.gov

Board Action Report (actions taken since 10/01/16)

Mark A. Abramovich, M.D., Bardstown, KY, License # 23691
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/05/16.

Amal K. Agarwal, D.O., Orland Park, IL, License # 04041
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 10/19/16.

Michael J. Bass, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 40717
Agreed Order entered into 12/05/16.

Jerry M. Benfield, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 38836
Agreed Order entered into 11/09/16.

Glen J. Bichlmeir, M.D., Alexandria, KY, License # 19517
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite
Restriction issued 11/18/16.

Donald J. Boss, M.D., Rolling Hills Estates, CA, License # 41474
Agreed Order entered into 12/06/16..

Donald J. Boss, M.D., Rolling Hills Estates, CA, License # 41474
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 12/08/16.

Katherine Frizzell Bryant, M.D., Henderson, KY, License # 47002
Agreed Order entered into 10/24/16.

J. Dustin Chaney, D.O., Hazard, KY, License # 02795
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12/15/16.

Harvey M. Diamond, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 18028
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/20/16.

Sean Russell Dillon, M.D., Ft. Mitchell, KY, License # 47081
Agreed Order entered into 11/09/16.

Curtis D. Edens, D.O., Louisa, KY, License # 02610
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 11/22/16.

Wayne R. Edwards, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License # 34226
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/07/16.

Thomas N. Epperson, III, M.D., Middlesboro, KY, License # 31838
Agreed Order entered into 12/12/16.

Samuel Watt Gehring, M.D., Flemingsburg, KY, License # 13429
Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 12/19/16, effective
01/22/17.

Steven Franklin Greer, M.D., Albuquerque, NM
Order Denying Application for Licensure issued
12/20/16.

John D. Griffith, M.D., Houston, TX, License # 10837
Agreed Order entered into 12/09/16.

Linda J. Hathaway, M.D., Richmond, KY, License # 30675
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/24/16.

Ciella L. Hayes, M.D., Tompkinsville, KY, License # 41955
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 11/17/16.

Brandon L. Houk, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY, License #41925
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued 1
1/18/16.

Mark S. Jamieson, PA-C, York, SC, License # PA2119
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 10/07/16.

Charles C. Johnson, D.O., Lexington, KY, License # 02349
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/18/16.

Anthony B. Karam, D.O., Lexington, KY, License # 03321
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/28/16.

Habib M. Khoury, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 34774
Agreed Order entered into 12/05/16.

Paul E. Maglinger, M.D., Bowling Green, KY, License # 41775
Agreed Order entered into 10/04/16.

Thad R. Manning, D.O., LaGrange, KY, License # 02807
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/07/16.

Sean P. McDonald, M.D., Paducah, KY, License # 36051
Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 11/22/16,
effective 12/31/16.

Sean P. McDonald, M.D., Paducah, KY, License # 36051
Amended Order of Indefinite Restriction issued
12/14/16.

Raul Nakamatsu, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 36573
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/24/16.

Troy M. Nelson, D.O., Campbellsville, KY, License # 02797
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/14/15

Jody A. Parks, M.D., Mitchell, IN, License # 49663
Agreed Order entered into 10/03/16.

Marvin H. Rorick, III, M.D., Cincinnati, OH, License # 26027
Agreed Order entered into 12/15/16.

Munawar Siddiqi, M.D., Nicholasville, KY, License # 38485
Agreed Order entered into 12/05/16.

Joel C. Stephenson, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 24775
Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/04/16.

Monica K. Sullivan, M.D., Cincinnati, OH, License # 43346
Agreed Order entered into 10/28/16.

Joel L. Velasco, M.D., Prospect, KY, License # 30468
Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/02/16.

Madhusudhan R. Yakkanti, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 40767
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/18/16.

Robert B. Yost, M.D., Georgetown, KY, License # 46243
Order of Revocation issued 11/22/16.

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physician's license pending resolution of charges brought against him.

C. Glen Click, M.D., Stanford, KY, License # 17220

Amended Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 12/16/16, effective 12/19/16.

House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 5 Important Notice

Please be advised that House Bill 2, the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, was signed by Governor Matt Bevin and became effective on Monday, January 9, 2017. This bill requires a signed form before a patient can have an abortion. The link to this form can be viewed by viewing <https://cms.chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/246DB74A-7FAA-4C73-A971-BC2EA7C8FA4A/0/HB2form.pdf> . For more information on House Bill 2, visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB2.htm> .

In addition, the Kentucky General Assembly also passed Senate Bill 5, which creates new sections of KRS Chapter 311 to prohibit an abortion when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater. This bill was signed by Governor Bevin and also became effective on Monday, January 9, 2017. For more information on Senate Bill 5, visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB5.htm>

Renewal of Medical License For 2017

The 2017 annual renewal notice was mailed to physicians on December 21, 2016. State regulation requires all physicians currently practicing in the state to renew their license by March 1, 2017 and pay the \$150.00 registration fee in order to keep their license active. Renewals paid after March 1, 2017 but prior to the April 1, 2017 deadline, may be made by paying an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Failure to renew your license by the April 1, 2017 deadline will cause your license to automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy.

To renew your Kentucky medical/osteopathic license, please go to the Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov, choose the physician renewal tab, click on the renewal link and log in using your Kentucky license number as your username and the last four digits of your social security number as your password. There is also a paper application on the website should you choose to renew your license by paper. There is an additional \$10.00 charge if you renew by paper application.

If you have any questions regarding your renewal or require assistance, please contact the Board at (502) 429-7150. The office is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Important CME Reminder – Final Year of 3 Year Cycle

The Board would like to remind all of its licensees that we are now entering into the third year of the Board's 3 year CME Cycle. Board Regulation 201 KAR 9:310 requires all physicians maintaining a current Kentucky medical license to complete sixty (60) hours of CME every three (3) year cycle, with thirty (30) hours being certified in AMA or AOA Category I by an organization accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (CME). Again, please note that the current CME cycle ends on December 31, 2017.

The Board would like to remind all licensed physicians to ensure that they obtain the appropriate continuing medical education hours to maintain compliance with this regulation. It is important to note the continuing medical education requirements related to 2012's HB 1, which went into effect in 2012, remain in effect. According to the regulation for each three (3) year continuing education cycle beginning on January 1, 2015, a licensee who is authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the Commonwealth at any time during that cycle shall complete at least four and one-half (4.5) hours of approved continuing education hours relating to the use of KASPER, pain management, addiction disorders, or a combination of two (2) or more of those subjects. A licensee may satisfy this requirement by completing a single approved program of 4.5 hours or longer or by completing multiple approved programs for a total of 4.5 hours or longer for that cycle.

A summary of the Board's CME requirements is available on our website, www.kbml.ky.gov. Just click on the link for continuing medical education. You can also find information about approved courses that are available online.

Reminder on Physician Self-Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members

One of the common mistakes the members of the Board review on a regular basis centers on physicians and their self-treatment or treatment of immediate family members. Due to this fact, the Board would like to remind all physicians that according to the American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics, physicians generally should not treat themselves or members of their immediate families. Professional objectivity may be compromised when an immediate family member or the physician is a patient; the physician's personal feelings may unduly influence his/her medical judgment, interfering with the care provided. When treating themselves or immediate family members, physicians may be inclined to treat problems that are beyond their expertise.

In emergency or isolated settings where there is no other qualified physician available, physicians should not hesitate to treat themselves or family members until another physician becomes available. However, it is important to note that it is not appropriate for physicians to write prescriptions for controlled substances for themselves or immediate family members.

According to Board Policy adopted on September 14, 2005, "Immediate Family" is defined as "husband or wife; natural or adoptive parent; child, or sibling; stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother or stepsister; father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law; grandparent or grandchild; and spouse of a grandparent or grandchild.

Chronic Pain Patients and Prescribing Contracts

One of the Board's licensees recently contacted the Board regarding a situation with another physician, who happens to practice in a different specialty and prescribed controlled substances to a patient that was under an existing contract to have all of their controlled substances prescribed by the licensee. As a result, the action put the patient's physician/patient relationship in jeopardy and created a hardship for the licensee. The Board recognizes this situation most likely occurs frequently throughout the Commonwealth and would like to remind physicians to be cognizant when reviewing a patient's KASPER that if it reflects a single source for controlled substances, there could be an existing prescribing contract.

While the patient should notify a physician of such an agreement, the Board recommends that physicians look for signals on the KASPER and ask if such an agreement is in place and communicate with the patient and their primary prescribing physician.

Meeting Dates For 2017

The meeting dates are available on the website for all Board, Panel and Allied Health meetings for 2017. To view these dates, please visit www.kbml.ky.gov.

Board Website – A Useful Tool for Physicians

The Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov, continues to serve as a valuable informational tool to not only the citizens of the Commonwealth but for physicians as well. The website was recently redesigned again in order to make it easier to maneuver and verify licenses on the various professions under the Board's authority.

In addition to licensure verifications, physicians can utilize the website to learn about the Board and its policy statements/Board Opinions, review the Medical Practice Act and corresponding administrative regulations, and stay updated on issues such as continuing medical education requirements. Physicians have access to links to important information regarding the Board's regulations on prescribing controlled substances along with helpful resources on this subject and addiction treatment.

On the main page, physicians will find an alert section that always contains important information on issues such as licensure renewal instructions, regulatory announcements or public health alerts. Please note the website is updated on a daily basis and is utilized frequently by consumers to verify licensure information on a specific physician or inquire about disciplinary action.

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Change of Address Notice

Please Note: The information that you provide on this Change of Address Notice will be used to update your profile on the Board's web site at www.kbml.ky.gov.

You may also change your address online <http://kbml.ky.gov/address/Pages/default.aspx>

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(Street)

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