



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Changes to 201 KAR 9:260 regarding Three Day Prescribing Limitations in Effect

On November 15, 2017, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure completed its work on amending 201 KAR 9:260 to comply with 2017's HB 333, which was enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed by Governor Bevin. Due to this fact, the Board is pleased to announce the changes to the regulation are complete and now effective. The Board would like to thank all of its licensees who provided public comment on the amendments to the regulation and for those who provided assistance in drafting the amendment.

An updated copy of 201 KAR 9:260 is available at <http://www.irc.ky.gov/kar/201/009/260reg.htm>. Physicians are strongly encouraged to review this information and become familiar with the changes in the regulation. In addition to the amended regulation, you will find an updated summary at <https://kbml.ky.gov/board/Pages/krs-amendment.aspx> of the 201 KAR 9:260 along with a listing of frequently asked questions about the changes for your consideration.

Renewal of Medical License For 2018

The 2018 annual renewal notice was mailed to physicians in December 2017. Please note that state regulation requires all physicians currently practicing in the state to renew their license by March 1, 2018 and pay the \$150.00 registration fee in order to keep their license active. Renewals paid after March 1, 2018 but prior to the April 1, 2018 deadline, may be made by paying an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Failure to renew your license by the April 1, 2018 deadline will cause your license to automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine.

To renew your Kentucky 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.

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 10/01/17)

Atam V. Abbi, M.D., Springfield, KY, License # 30893
Final Order issued 12/19/17.

Ashok V. Alur, M.D., Crestwood, KY, License # 30373
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/02/17.

Steven C. Anagnost, M.D., Tulsa, OK, License # 30470
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/17/17.

Ashley N. Blevins, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # IP1441
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/17/17.

William R. Durham, M.D., Corbin, KY, License # 32642
Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/29/17.

William R. Durham, M.D., Corbin, KY, License # 32642
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into
12/28/17.

Leslie J. Dunaway, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 23379
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/19/17.

Wayne R. Edwards, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License # 34226
Fourth Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/28/17.

Kristin E. Ellison, M.D., Oak Park, IL, License # 49447
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/02/17.

Shawn Gorden, M.D., Pampa, TX, License # 39057
Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/13/17.

Jerry T. Hart, M.D., Cadiz, KY, License # 17695
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 11/30/17.

Jeffrey T. Henson, M.D., Iowa City, IA, License # 46989
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/27/17.

Kyaw Htin, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 36685
Agreed Order entered into 12/04/17.

Dhiraj Raj Jeyanandarajan, M.D., Irvine, CA, License # 48198
Agreed Order entered into 12/11/17.

Jody M. Johnson, D.O., Prestonsburg, KY, License # 02979
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/17/17.

Jonathan M. Johnson, M.D., Madison, WI, License # 48142
Agreed Order entered into 11/13/17.

Mark K. Jordan, M.D., Ft. Mitchell, KY, License # 38774
Agreed Order entered into 10/26/17.

Joshua Kadetz, M.D., Cumming, GA, License # 42223
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/22/17.

Ryan Michael Keith, D.O., Lexington, KY, License # R3527
Order of Reprimand issued 12/15/17.

Jack Kendrick, M.D., Prestonsburg, KY, License # 29774
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/06/17.

Neil J. Klemek, M.D., Berea, KY, License # 29303
Agreed Order entered into 11/03/17.

Pedro Juan Loredo, III, M.D., Southlake, TX, License # 40806
Agreed Order entered into 11/02/17.

Paul E. Maglinger, M.D., Bowling Green, KY, License # 41775
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/20/17.

James H. Meyers, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 20107
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/19/17.

Todd H. Nairn, M.D., Abingdon, VA, License # 31220
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/20/17.

Jonathan D. Ruby, M.D., Somerset, KY, License # 40613
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
10/24/17.

Michael G. Rukavina, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 29562
Amended Agreed Order entered into 10/26/17.

William J. Short, M.D., Ashland, KY, License # 29564
Agreed Order entered into 10/27/17.

Joel C. Stephenson, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 24775
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/21/17.

Natasha A. Stinson, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 48826
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 12/05/17.

Christopher T. Stokes, M.D., East Bernstadt, KY, License # 38216
Amended Agreed Order of Probation entered into
10/11/17.

Joel L. Velasco, M.D., Prospect, KY, License # 30468
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into 11/27/17.

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Thearon P. Wilder, M.D., Henderson, KY, License # 15950

Agreed Order entered into 12/05/17.

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' licenses pending resolution of charges brought against them.

Elizabeth Bates, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 36808

Opinion and Order Granting Motion for Stay issued 11/03/17.

Kenneth Hines, M.D., Lawrenceburg, KY, License # 16365

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 10/06/17, effective 10/10/17.

Announcement of KASPER Enhancements Prepared for Kentucky Licensure Boards

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has announced changes to the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System (KASPER). KASPER prescriber account holders may now update their personal account information including address, phone, email address and area of work (specialty) from the Account Maintenance web page.

Prescribers may also now include additional DEA license numbers and professional licenses within their KASPER account by contacting the KASPER Help Desk at (502) 564-2703 or eKASPERHelp@ky.gov.

Beginning in January 2018, when practitioners request a KASPER patient report they may also request information on whether the patient has any positive drug toxicity screen results based on a suspected non-fatal drug overdose treated in an Emergency Department. Hospital EDs will report this information to the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information via the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE).

The KASPER report will contain a message explaining whether positive drug toxicity screen results were found for the patient. If so, the practitioner can log directly into KHIE to view the results.

"I am very pleased that our collaboration with the Kentucky professional licensure boards and the Kentucky Health Information Exchange will result in additional KASPER technology capabilities to support our health care providers," said Steve Davis, Inspector General for CHFS.

In addition, on February 14, 2018, a new KASPER Prescriber Report card will be available for prescribers. The prescriber report card replaces the existing prescriber peer review report and expands the information available to help prescribers monitor their controlled substance prescribing, and to compare their prescribing practices with all Kentucky prescribers and with prescribers in the same specialty area. KASPER Prescriber Report Cards will be available on a quarterly basis and annual (calendar year) basis. A copy of the new user guide for this option is now available on the KASPER public web site: www.chfs.ky.gov/KASPER.

"These KASPER enhancements demonstrate our continuing commitment to increasing the utility and effectiveness of KASPER as a tool to help combat the epidemic of substance use disorder and drug overdose deaths in Kentucky," said Vickie Yates Brown Glisson, cabinet secretary for Health and Family Services.

To simplify access, KASPER prescriber master account holders will have the option to authorize one or more of their delegates to request an electronic or hardcopy of the prescriber report card on their behalf. Prescribers with multiple DEA licenses should contact the KASPER Help Desk to add them to their account so they will be included in the prescriber report card calculations.

Watch for more information about these changes in KASPER login broadcast messages, the *What's New with KASPER* document on the login screen, and upcoming KASPER Tips.

Meeting Dates For 2018

The meeting dates are available on the website for all Board, Panel and Allied Health meetings for 2018. To view these dates, please visit www.kbml.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation – Here to Help Kentucky Physicians

Since 1976, the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation has helped well over a thousand physicians in the Commonwealth impacted by addictive disease and mental or emotional illness. The Foundation provides numerous services for physicians in need such as: confirmation of impairment issues, intervention, assessment, directing acute treatment, aftercare, and maybe most important advocacy.

With all the stress that exists with today's health care environment, it is no surprise that physicians are not immune to impairment issues. As physicians, there is a good chance that you have probably come into contact with or become aware of events, which made you think a colleague may need help. This should come as no surprise as literature now shows, in fact, physicians are at a higher risk for several mental health and substance use problems than the general population. As with any illness or medical problem, earlier intervention results in a better prognosis.

While physicians may be familiar with the Board's Policy Regarding the Required Reporting of Impaired Physicians by Other Physicians and Hospitals <https://kbml.ky.gov/board/Pages/Opinion-and-Policy-Statements.aspx>, the Board would like to stress the importance of early identification and encourage physicians to self-report to the Foundation if they recognize they are struggling with or believe they may have an issue involving alcohol or substance abuse. Identifying a potential problem is important and addressing it before a public event or violation of the Medical Practice Act occurs is absolutely crucial. According to the Foundation, these reports of early intervention happen infrequently and as result they often encounter physicians facing hospital actions, legal/criminal prosecution, or dealing with ramifications from other public events.

Please know that if you are suffering from an addictive disease or a mental or emotional illness, the Board wants you to get help. A call to the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation is the best place for you to start. The earlier, the better. Reaching out to the Foundation does not necessarily mean public knowledge or Board involvement. In fact, countless physicians have met with the Foundation and received appropriate treatment without Board involvement when they have voluntarily sought early intervention. Unfortunately, some physicians do not reach out for help soon enough and the Board becomes officially involved whenever referral to the Foundation arises out of a resulting "public event" such as those described above. For this reason, if you are suffering from - or believe that you or a colleague may be suffering from - an addictive disease or mental or emotional distress, please reach out now.

The Board strongly supports the work of the Foundation and has witnessed firsthand how it has saved medical careers, families and the lives of numerous physicians. The Foundation's medical director, Dr. Greg Jones, can help you and will walk your journey of recovery with you. Please reach out to the Foundation today. Tel. (502) 425-7761. www.kyrecovery.org.

Board Website – A Useful Tool for Physicians

The Board's website continues to serve as a valuable informational tool to not only the citizens of the Commonwealth, but for physicians as well. The website is constantly redesigned 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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Date: _____ KY License Number: _____

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: _____
 (Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Practice Address: _____
 (Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Practice County: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

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