



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Important Notice Regarding MANDATORY KASPER ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure is issuing this notice to remind ALL licensed physicians (for ALL licensure types, i.e. residency licenses, full regular licenses, etc...) that KRS 218A.202(2) requires that ANY person authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances SHALL register and maintain a KASPER account. You must be able to access KASPER via the new secure Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG) portal to be compliant. Failure to register and maintain a KASPER account while authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances may result in disciplinary action – including emergency suspension or restriction - against a medical license. A person is authorized to prescribe or dispense a controlled substance if they maintain an active KY DEA registration, regardless of whether they use or plan to use such authority.

After November 30th, the Board will be conducting a review to ensure that its licensees are compliant with the mandated KASPER-KOG registration. Please take a moment to review the status of your DEA registration and KASPER account registration to avoid Board action against your license. For instructions on how to obtain a KASPER and KOG account, visit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services KASPER website at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/dai/deppb/Documents/MandatoryKASPERKOGAccountInstructions.pdf>

To review mandatory KASPER requirements, visit the KBML Prescribing/Substance Abuse Page at <https://kbml.ky.gov/prescribing-substance-abuse/Pages/default.aspx>.

Reports of Scams – Beware

In recent weeks, the Board has been made aware through multiple sources that physicians across the Commonwealth have received phone calls and correspondence claiming to be the Board threatening action against the physician's license unless a payment is received. Please be advised the Board does not operate in this manner and any correspondence from the Board would appear on formal Board letterhead or from an email address ending with ky.gov. For instance, our general email is kbml@ky.gov. While the appropriate authorities have been made aware of these fraudulent attempts, the Board encourages all of its licensees to be on alert and are encouraged to contact our office at (502) 429-7150 in the event you want to verify official board communications.

Renewal of Physician Licenses for 2020

In late December, physicians holding an active license will receive a notice by mail with instructions to renew his or her license. Physicians will be able to renew their license online at www.kbml.ky.gov.

To complete the renewal, physicians will be required to verify and update their unique licensure information. The fee to renew online will be \$150.00. Physicians who renew by paper will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee. Please note the link to renew your license on the Board's website will not be available until the first week of January 2020.

Board Orders can be viewed under the Physician Profile/
Verification of License link on the Board's website:

www.kbml.ky.gov

Board Action Report (actions taken since 07/01/19)

Nabila S. Babar, M.D., Mason, OH, License # 46763
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/20/19.

Michael J. Bass, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 40717
Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/13/19.

Joshua C. Blair, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 45497
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/12/19.

Briana L. Boyd, M.D., Betsy Layne, KY, License # 40671
Amended Agreed Order entered into 09/13/19.

John E. Broadbent, M.D., Murray, KY, License # 29485
Agreed Order entered into 08/23/19.

Anis G. Chalhoub, M.D., London, KY, License # 31517
Order of Revocation issued 08/19/19, effective
09/19/19.

Robert B. Chambliss, M.D., Hardinsburg, KY, License # 13585
Agreed Order of Retirement entered into 07/26/19.

Brandon Nelson Conrad, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 47034
Agreed Order entered into 09/16/19.

Michael L. Cummings, M.D., Albany, KY, License # 23083
Agreed Order entered into 08/15/19.

Victor A. Dunn, PA-C, Owensboro, KY, License # PA340
Order Terminating Fourth Amended Agreed Order
issued 08/26/19.

William R. Durham, M.D., Corbin, KY, License # 32642
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into
09/20/19.

Aaron M. Ferda, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 48494
Agreed Order entered into 07/08/19.

Nancy Hendrix, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 48513
Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/20/19.

Thomas Knox, M.D., West Harford, CT, License # 51416
Agreed Order entered into 09/20/19.

Eric Lapp Lo, M.D., Edgewater, FL, License # 21989
Agreed Order entered into 08/12/19.

Paul E. McLaughlin, M.D., Mt. Sterling, KY, License # 24118
Agreed Order entered into 07/19/19.

Dinesh U. Nayak, M.D., Carmel, CA, License # 22959
Agreed Order entered into 08/01/19.

Dinesh U. Nayak, M.D., Carmel, CA, License # 22959
Order Terminating Agreed Order entered into
08/13/19.

Anthony Nigliazzo, M.D., Decatur, IN, License # 52918
Agreed Order entered into 07/09/19.

Marios D. Papachristou, M.D., Allison Park, PA, License # 50070
Order of Revocation issued 08/19/19, effective
09/25/19.

Jesus P. Querubin, M.D., Greenup, KY, License # 33412
Third Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/27/19.

David M. Ratliff, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 31592
Order Terminating Fifth Amended Agreed Order
issued 08/20/19.

Robert F. Ross, M.D., Maysville, KY, License # 25361
Agreed Order entered into 09/19/19.

Michael R. Seawell, M.D., Atlantic Beach, FL, License # 50470
Agreed Order entered into 09/19/19.

Stephen P. Slone, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 25913
Agreed Order entered into 08/27/19.

Jason H. Stamper, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License # 02798
Agreed Order entered into 08/01/19.

W. Gregory Ward, M.D., Asheville, NC, License # 52913
Agreed Order entered into 07/09/19.

Michael A. Weicker, M.D., Huntington, WV, License # 49822
Agreed Order entered into 09/19/19.

Louie N. Williams, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 26921
Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/22/19.

Chester R. Young, Jr., M.D., Paris, KY, License # 20267
Agreed Order entered into 07/01/19.

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

Wigberto C. Camomot, M.D., Red Jacket, WV, License # 24558
Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension
issued 07/10/19, effective 07/12/19.

Crystal K. Compton, D.O., Pikeville, KY, License # 03120
Emergency Order of Suspension issued 08/23/19,
effective 08/26/19.

Robert F. Ross, M.D., Maysville, KY, License # 25361
Complaint & Emergency Order of Restriction
issued 09/03/19, effective 09/06/19.

Board Elects New Officers and Welcomes New Members

The Board would like to announce that it has elected a new slate of officers to serve in leadership positions for the upcoming year. Sandra R. Shuffett, M.D., of Nicholasville, was elected to serve as Board President. Richard Whitehouse, Esq., of Louisville, was elected as Vice President and serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel B. Kenneth J. Payne, M.D., of Louisville, was elected to serve as Secretary and also serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel A. In addition to the election of officers, the Board also welcomed two new members at its September meeting. The Board welcomed the appointment of Mark A. Schroer, M.D., who practices Internal Medicine in Newport, and was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin to fill the position previously held by Dale E. Toney, M.D., whose term expired. The Board also welcomed Bill A. Webb, D.O., who practices Family Medicine in Pikeville, and was appointed by Governor Bevin to fill the vacancy left by Randal C. Gibson, D.O., whose term expired. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. Toney and Dr. Gibson for their years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth and for their roles for serving in leadership positions on the Board. In addition, the Board would also like to offer a special acknowledgement to Dr. Gibson for his 24 years of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Board and Criminal Action Reporting Requirement

The Board would like to remind all of its licensees that like many states, it has a mandatory reporting requirement for criminal actions and disciplinary actions in other states.

According to 201 KAR 9:081, every person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall report to the board any criminal conviction or plea of guilt, nolo contendere, or Alford plea to any criminal charges, regardless of adjudication, within ten (10) days of the entry of judgment of conviction or the entry of the plea, entered into in any state. As part of this reporting, the licensee shall provide a copy of the judgment of conviction or plea documents. In addition, the regulation requires that every person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall report to the board within ten (10) days of receipt, notice of any disciplinary action taken or sanction imposed upon the person's license in any state, including surrendering a license or placing a license into inactive or retired status to resolve a pending licensing investigation. As part of this reporting requirement, the licensee shall provide a copy of the order issued by or entered into with the other licensing board.

Please note that failure to report a criminal conviction or plea, or action taken by another licensing board, as required of an applicant by paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection, shall constitute a violation of KRS 311.595 (9) and (12). You can make such a report by submitting written correspondence to the Board office.

Call for Board Consultants

The Board is currently seeking consultants practicing in the following medical specialties: Allergy and Immunology, Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Thoracic Surgery. The two primary requirements to serve as a Board consultant are they are in active medical practice and are board certified.

As physicians throughout the state know, the role of the Board's consultants is vital to the core mission of the Board of public protection. Physicians who serve in this capacity for the Board provide a service not only to the public, but also to their fellow physicians. The Board would like to express its deep appreciation to all of its current consultants for their dedication and hard work.

If you are interested in assisting the Board in the capacity of an expert reviewer, please forward your curriculum vitae to the Board's office to the attention of Jennie Woods or via email at jennie.woods@ky.gov. Please note that Board consultants are currently reimbursed at a rate of \$175 per hour pursuant to state stipulations.

Requesting a Board Opinion

According to KRS 311.602, in order to assist a Kentucky licensed physician in determining what actions would constitute unacceptable conduct under the provisions of KRS 311.595, the physician may request an opinion of the Board by written request. Upon receipt of a licensee's request, it is presented to the Board at one of its quarterly Board meetings for consideration. Please note the Board does keep a permanent record of all the requests made and their response. While these opinions are not statute, they are extremely important as their primary purpose is to assist physicians in determining what actions would constitute unacceptable conduct under the Medical Practice Act.

You can find a listing of published Board Opinions on our website at: <https://kbml.ky.gov/board/Pages/Opinion-and-Policy-Statements.aspx>

Physicians Contemplating Leaving Clinical Practice

It is not unusual for physicians to contemplate leaving their clinical practice at some point in their medical careers. Frequently, physicians may decide to not renew their license to practice medicine only to reconsider that decision a few years later. In an effort to help educate physicians on this topic, the Board is republishing an article entitled: "Stepping Away from Your Clinical Career? Key Points to Keep in Mind About Physician Reentry." American Academy of Pediatrics; The Physician Reentry into the Workforce Project, Elk Grove, Ill, 2016.

Stepping Away from Your Clinical Career? Key Points to Keep in Mind about Physician Reentry

It is common for physicians to leave clinical practice for some period during their career and then seek to reenter clinical practice. Some physicians leave clinical practice to pursue a career opportunity or passion in a non-clinical setting. This could be either short-term (just a few years) or for an indefinite period. Examples range from taking an administrative position at a hospital, to pursuing a full-time research opportunity, to doing mission work abroad. Physicians who are considering a non-clinical career should keep the following key points in mind.

Be Open to Possibilities

Be aware that even a short-term sabbatical from clinical practice, can make it difficult and expensive to just step back into clinical practice. Be open to the possibility that your professional future may include going back into clinical practice even if at the moment it is not something you see yourself doing. Being prepared for that option is important.

Licensure is a Privilege

Licensure is a privilege. It is often hard to reinstate a license once it is expired. Before you leave clinical practice, contact your medical licensing board to find out its policies regarding a leave of absence. Ask your board how it handles physicians who are not in clinical practice, if they issue limited licenses, and what statutes, if any, your state has in place to facilitate a return to practice. Overlooking regulatory issues can result in great difficulty and frustrations when trying to reestablish a lapsed license.

Explore Ways to Not Leave Clinical Practice Completely

Find out if there are ways to not leave clinical practice completely. Explore opportunities to moonlight or take call at local hospitals, ambulatory centers, and other clinical venues during your absence as a way of maintaining clinical activity. Look into the possibility of doing volunteer work. Remember that preparation for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) may require some clinical work to meet criteria for renewal of your specialty boards. Even some non-clinical roles in health care may require MOC status.

Seek Advice from those in Non-Clinical Careers & Others

Consult with physicians who have chosen non-clinical careers and learn what their experience has been like. Seek support and insights from individuals who have been in similar situations, as well as others, both professionals and non-professionals (mental health professionals, clergy, colleagues, career advisors etc.).

Stay connected with your Clinical Colleagues

Stay connected with your clinical colleagues and maintain paths to reconnect with clinical practice opportunities. You may also need to ask a clinical colleague to serve as a mentor when you return to clinical practice. Consider staying on or joining hospital committees and maintaining contacts within your community that may be useful should you decide to reenter clinical practice.

Keep Informed and Plan Ahead

Keep informed about new developments in your specialty as well as any regulatory issues that may influence a return to clinical practice. Check with local hospitals, specialty boards, and state licensing boards about any changes in requirements that may affect your ability to reenter clinical practice. In the interest of patient safety, be prepared to have to demonstrate your clinical competence. On a regular basis consult resources like The Physician Reentry into the Workforce Project's website at www.physicianreentry.org to remain up-to-date on physician reentry issues. Beware that returning to clinical practice is a process that takes planning. It may take a year or more to return to clinical practice depending on your specialty, state, and time away from clinical practice.

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