



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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New KASPER Functionality Announced

The Office of Inspector General is excited to announce the rollout of the first phase of **Direct Messaging**. Direct Messaging is a secure way to communicate within the KASPER system. This first phase focuses on mass communications to all or specific subset of KASPER users and their delegates. These communications may include educational information, statutory or regulatory updates, and alert notifications regarding diversion and prescription forgeries.

Prescribers and their delegates will receive an email notification that a message is available in KASPER. Messages can be viewed by logging into KASPER, clicking on the Direct Messaging tab and viewing new messages in the Inbox. To ensure that you will receive these notifications, please validate your email address in KASPER is up to date.

For more information on Direct Messaging, register for a webinar on KASPER Direct Messaging Basics here: [KASPER Training](#) or email eKASPERHelp@ky.gov.

Ringside Physicians Needed

The Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Commission is appointed to ensure that combat sport events held in Kentucky are safe and entertaining. Part of the responsibility of the KBWC is assigning a Ringside Physician to all MMA and Boxing events. A show cannot happen if a physician is not present. Currently, due to a shortage of physicians who are licensed by the KBWC, we are at risk of having to cancel shows.

According to the Commission, here is a quick rundown of what a night, as a Ringside Physician would look like:

Arrive to the event venue 2 hours prior to the start of the event. Review all fighters Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire and administer a pre-fight physical (We will always side with our ringside physicians. If they have even the slightest hesitation that a fighter should not step into the ring, they will not be fighting). After all physicals are complete, you will take your place at ringside and observe the contest. You will have full control over the fight and have the power to stop a fight if you believe a contestant has sustained an injury or too much damage and could be detrimental to their health. After each fight, you will examine each fighter as they leave the ring and recommend any mandatory rest or other measures if needed. Typically each event last around 3-4 hours so total time required is 5-6 hours. The minimum pay for each event is \$350. According to officials with the Commission, they are working on increasing their payments.

Here are some of the upcoming events the Commissions are seeking physicians to assist them:

November 6th Louisville, Ky Boxing
November 20th Louisville, Ky Boxing
November 20th Covington, KY MMA
December 3rd and 4th Lexington, Ky MMA

If you are interested in becoming a Ringside Physician or have any questions, please fill out this quick Google questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/dNXNoFNqfCqWwWVX7>

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 07/01/2021)

Andrew Banks, M.D., Madisonville, KY #R5619
Amended Agreed Order issued 09/21/2021

Kenny L. Bowman, D.O., Lebanon, KY License # 03047
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/19/2021

Alan Brooks, M.D., Louisville, KY #55662
Agreed Order entered into 7/07/2021

Brandon Nelson Conrad, M.D., Lexington KY License # 47034
Order Terminating Second Amended Agreed Order issued 08/23/2021

Marcus F. Cox, M.D., Dover, OH #51821
Order of Revocation issued 09/17/2021, effective 10/20/2021

David W. Douglas, M.D., Louisville, KY #25732
Agreed Order entered into 09/01/2021

David W. Douglas, M.D., Louisville, KY #25732
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 09/03/2021

Jitander S. Dudee, M.D., Lexington KY License # 30460
Order of Probation issued 08/25/2021, effective 9/25/2021

Shawn Gorden, M.D., Manchester, KY License # 39057
Fourth Amended Agreed Order entered into 08/25/2021

Charles L. Marcum, M.D., Corbin, KY #28918
Agreed Order entered into 09/07/2021

Charles L. Marcum, M.D., Corbin, KY #28918
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 09/07/2021

Thomas R. Mayo, M.D., Louisville, KY #55627
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 09/27/2021

Crystal G. McKiddy, P.A.-C., Williamsburg, KY License # PA1887
Agreed Order entered into 08/30/2021

Anthony Nigliazzo, M.D., Berea, KY #52918
Agreed Order entered into 7/15/2021

David P. Rouben, M.D., Louisville, KY License # 19550
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/19/2021

Roger W. Strunk, M.D., Frankfort, KY #23513
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into 7/26/2021

Clifton Smith, M.D., Lexington, KY #16726
Agreed Order entered into 09/02/2021

Zia Ullah Virk, M.D., Pikeville, KY License # 48955
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 08/20/2021

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

Anthony Nigliazzo, M.D., Berea, KY #52918
Emergency Order of Suspension issued 09/28/2021, effective 09/28/2021

William M. Parell, M.D., Lexington, KY License # 22473
Emergency Order of Restriction issued 08/18/2021, effective 08/18/2021

Board Expresses Condolences

The Board would like express its most sincere condolences to the family of Bill A. Webb, D.O., who passed away on September 15, 2021. Dr. Webb practiced family medicine for many years in the Pikeville area and was appointed to the Board in 2019.

On more than one occasion, Dr. Webb noted that serving on the Board was a true honor. He was well respected by his colleagues for his passion for service and public protection. In addition, the Board recognizes Dr. Webb for the countless lives he touched throughout his career and his contributions to osteopathic medicine.

Along with his wife, Karen, and mother, Dr. Webb is survived by one son, Barrett Webb, D.O., and two daughters, Celeste McBride and Delaney Stands, along with three grandchildren.

Board Election and Welcome New Members

During the proceedings of the Board's September 16, 2021 meeting, members of Board held its annual election for leadership for the upcoming year. As a result, the Board selected William C. Thornbury, M.D., of Glasgow, to serve as Board President. Waqar Saleem, M.D., of Louisville, was elected as Vice President and serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel A. Dale Toney, M.D., of Lexington was elected to serve as Secretary and will serve as the Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel B. In addition to the election of officers, the Board also welcomed two new members at its September meeting. The Board welcomed the appointment of Dr. Toney, who practices Internal Medicine in Lexington and appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to fill the position previously held by Sandy Shuffett, M.D., whose term expired. The Board also welcomed Katelyn O. Ward, of Lexington, in the role of consumer member, and was appointed by Governor Beshear to fill the vacancy left by Phillip D. Williamson, Esq., whose term also expired. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. Shuffett and Mr. Williamson for their years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth and their dedication to public safety.

Amendments to 201 KAR 9:270 in Effect

The Board would like to advise all physicians who are authorized to prescribe or administer Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-combined with Naloxone that it recently completed the process of amending 201 KAR 9:270. It is important to note that the changes made to the regulation during this cycle focused on language adding physician assistants. The Board encourages physicians and physician assistants to become familiar with the changes and copy of the amended regulation can be found on the Board's website.

Considerations for Urine Drug Screening

In the ordinary regulation setting the standards for prescribing controlled substances, [201 KAR 9:260](#), the Board requires that during the course of long-term prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain and related symptoms associated with a primary medical complaint, the physician shall utilize urine drug screens in a random manner at appropriate times to determine whether the patient is taking prescribed medications or taking illegal substances or medications not prescribed by the physician.

The Board has developed the following intervals for urine drug screens in order to provide some guidance to physicians on this subject:

- At least once a year if the patient is considered "low risk" based on upon the screening done by the physician and other factors.
- At least twice a year if the patient is considered "moderate risk" based upon the screening done by the physician and other factors.
- At least three to four times a year if considered "high risk" based on the screening done by the physician and other factors.
- At each office visit if the patient has exhibited aberrant behavior such as multiple lost prescriptions, multiple requests for early refills, opioids from multiple providers showing up on KASPER, unauthorized dose escalation, and apparent intoxication.

It is important that the Board does not mandate or require urine drug screens prior to acute prescribing.

Renewal of Physician Licenses for 2022

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 2022.

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Change of Address Notice

All information provided below is used to update the licensee's profile on the Board's website www.kbml.ky.gov.

You may also change your address online by clicking [here](#).

Date: _____ License Number: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Practice Address: _____

Practice County: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

*The Board does not publish your email address.