



# Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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## **DEA Information Regarding Upcoming One-Time Training Requirement**

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) – registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. Pursuant to this action, the DEA recently released some information to its registrants regarding the pending requirement.

According to the DEA, all DEA-registered practitioners, except for veterinarians, will be required to satisfy the new training requirement. Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form regardless of whether the registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration, affirming that they have completed the new training requirement. The deadline for satisfying this new requirement is the date of the practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission, regardless of whether it is an initial registration or a renewal registration, on or after June 27, 2023. This one-time training requirement will not be a part of future registration renewals.

The DEA has advised there are multiple ways that practitioners can satisfy the new training requirement. First, the following groups of practitioners are deemed to have satisfied this new training requirement:

- Group 1: All practitioners that are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association.
- Group 2: All practitioners that graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at least eight hours of training on:
  1. Treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorder; or
  2. Safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid and other substance use disorders.

Second, practitioners can satisfy this training by engaging in a total of eight hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders from the groups listed below. According to the DEA, here are some key points related to the training:

- The training does not have to occur in one session. It can be cumulative across multiple sessions that equal eight hours of training.
- Past trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count towards a practitioner meeting this requirement. In other words, if you received a relative training from one of the groups listed below – prior to the enactment of this new training obligation on December 29, 2022 – that training counts towards the 8-hour requirement.
- Past DATA-Waived trainings count towards a DEA registrant's 8-hour training requirement.

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Board Orders can be viewed under the Physician Profile/  
Verification of License link on the Board's website:  
[www.kbml.ky.gov](http://www.kbml.ky.gov)

**Board Action Report (actions taken since 01/01/2023)**

**Joseph R. Allen, M.D., Bowling Green, KY License #30657**  
Agreed Order entered into 2/17/2023

**John R. Baird, M.D., Louisville, KY License #36869**  
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into  
2/28/2023

**Robert A. Barefoot, Jr., M.D., Hartford, KY License #57905**  
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 3/22/2023

**James B. Brien, III, M.D., Paducah, KY License #38115**  
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/22/2023

**Kristin J. Dobay, M.D., Hopkinsville, KY License #38100**  
Order Denying Application for Re-Registration  
issued 1/05/2023

**Victor A. Dunn, P.A.-C, Owensboro, KY License #PA340**  
Agreed Order entered into 2/16/2023

**William R. Errico, D.O., Tonasket, WA License #05287**  
Agreed Order entered into 3/31/2023

**Ali Farooqui, M.D., Louisville, KY License #51657**  
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order  
issued 3/17/2023

**Bassem R. George, M.D., London, KY License #54545**  
Agreed Order entered into 2/20/2023

**Bassem R. George, M.D., London, KY License #54545**  
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/23/2023

**Shawn Gorden, M.D., Manchester, KY License #39057**  
Sixth Amended Agreed Order entered into 3/24/2023

**Todd Stephen Jarosz, M.D., Hazard, KY License #51109**  
Fourth Amended Agreed Order entered into  
2/02/2023

**John L. Korba, M.D., Bowling Green, KY License #25747**  
Agreed Order entered into 1/19/2023

**Bonnie L. Mitchell, M.D., Lexington, KY License #21265**  
Order Reinstating Suspended License issued  
1/13/2023

**Christopher D. Nelson, D.O., Evansville, IN License  
#04648**  
Agreed Order entered into 2/02/2023

**Trung Nam Nguyen, D.O., Tyler, TX License #04360**  
Agreed Order entered into 3/08/2023

**Charles R. Noplis, M.D., LaGrange, KY License #44044**  
Order Terminating Second Amended Agreed Order  
issued 1/20/2023

**Charles R. Noplis, M.D., LaGrange, KY License #44044**  
Order Terminating Order of Probation issued  
1/20/2023

**Dennis R. Northrip, M.D., Lexington, KY License #23287**  
Agreed Order entered into 1/19/2023

**Joseph W. Richardson, M.D., Lexington, KY License  
#24023**  
Amended Agreed Order entered into 2/02/2023

**Raul P. Rodriguez, M.D., Houston, TX**  
Order Denying Application for Licensure issued  
12/29/2022

**Smitha Sadiq, M.D., Bountiful, UT License #C0122**  
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 2/28/2023

**Paul Andres Salazar, M.D., Greenwood, IN License #54095**  
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 1/19/2023

**Terry Gene Sanders, II, M.D., Crown City, OH License  
#57908**  
Agreed Order entered into 3/28/2023

**Clay E. Stalcup, M.D., Louisville, TN License #50390**  
Agreed Order entered into 2/15/2023

**Clay E. Stalcup, M.D., Louisville, TN License #50390**  
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/16/2023

**Matthew D. Stone, M.D., Bowling Green, KY License  
#56961**  
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 1/11/2023

**David W. Suetholz, M.D., Taylor Mill, KY License #18013**  
Order of Revocation issued 2/17/2023, effective  
3/23/2023

**David A. Thomas, M.D., Louisville, KY License #27346**  
Second Amended Agreed Order entered into  
3/28/2023

**Richard A. Vanbergen, M.D., Lafayette, LA License  
#34422**  
Order Reinstating Suspended License issued  
2/22/2023

**Jennifer G. Walters, P.A.-C, Louisville, KY License  
#PA866**  
Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued  
2/23/2023

**William Roberts Wood, M.D., Dayton, OH License #51191**  
Agreed Order entered into 3/08/2023

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

**Jose Wenceslao V. Alzadon, M.D., Paintsville, KY License #39571**

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/10/2023, effective 2/23/2023

**Lonnie R. Douglas, M.D., Louisville, KY License #48849**

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/02/2023

**Arthur Loesevitz, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY License #38648**

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/03/2023, effective 2/06/2023

**Christopher A. Manger, M.D., Evansville, IN License #36844**

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/08/2023

**Keri Jane McFarlane, M.D., Knoxville, TN #51945**

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 3/24/2023

**Pablo A. Merced, M.D., Jackson, KY #24420**

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 1/20/2023, effective 1/28/2023

**Vijil K. Rahulan, M.D., Grandville, MI License #46287**

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/21/2023, effective 2/23/2023

**Eric C. Welling, M.D., Salt Lake City, UT License #C0682**

Complaint and Amended Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/20/2023

### **Important CME Reminder – Final Year of 3 Year Cycle**

The Board would like to remind its licensees that we are in 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, 2023. 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](http://www.kbml.ky.gov).

### **2023 Renewal of Physician Licenses**

The Board is pleased to report that our agency recently completed the annual renewal cycle for medical and osteopathic physicians practicing in the Commonwealth for 2023. As in past years, the process went smoothly with 20,756 physicians renewing their medical/ osteopathic licenses for 2023. Of that number, 12,261 physicians have an active Kentucky practice address.

In the event that a physician has allowed his/her license to lapse, he/she can simply contact the Board office for instructions on how to reactivate it.

Just a reminder, it is very important to update the Board anytime that you change your mailing or practice address. You can do so, by going to the following page on our website, [Update Your Address - Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure](#).

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- Trainings can occur in a variety of formats, including classroom settings, seminars at professional society meetings, or virtual offerings.

Here is the listing of accredited groups who may provide trainings that meet the new requirement:

- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAP)
- The American Medical Association (AMA)
- The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or any organizations accredited by the AOA to provide CME
- The American Dental Association (ADA)
- The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- The American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- The American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Any other organization accredited by the ACCME or the CCEPR, whether directly or through an organization accredited by a State medical society that is recognized by the ACGME or CCEPR
- Any other organization approved or accredited by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the ACCME or the CCEPR

For more information regarding the DEA Diversion Control Division, please visit [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov). It is the Board's understanding the Kentucky Medical Association is working on a training program and we will share that information when it is available.

### **First Phase of Modernized KASPER System Launched**

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of Inspector General engaged the Office of Administrative and Technical Services to bring you an updated Prescription Drug Monitoring system using the latest technologies, to be released in multiple phases. We are pleased to announce the release of the first phase to a more modernized Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system which launched Saturday February 25, 2023.

In the current phase you will see a modernized user view of the system, enhanced and new functionality. Key new features include:

- Easier navigation,
- Modifiable user profiles,
- Updates to the patient report including additional data elements,
- A Home page and
- A Training Material center.

The Home Page provides the user with quick access to key KASPER functions and information. The Training Materials center will become your one stop shop for KASPER webinars, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Tip Sheets and other resources. We encourage users to visit the Training Materials center for more information on the modernization of KASPER.

This release is only the beginning, as it builds a foundation for continued improvements. Additional functionality and enhancements will be rolled out through the spring and summer. If you have questions or issues with the modernized KASPER system functionality, please contact the helpdesk at 502-564-2703 or [ekasperhelp@ky.gov](mailto:ekasperhelp@ky.gov) if you have questions or issues about your KASPER report please call the KASPER business of at 502-564-7985 or email us at [ekasper.admin@ky.gov](mailto:ekasper.admin@ky.gov)

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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](http://www.kbml.ky.gov).

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Practice Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Practice County: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*The Board does not publish your email address.