



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Join Provider Bridge to Support Emergency Response in the United States

The incidence of emergencies and disasters has increased steadily in the U.S. since the 1980's. In 2023, the United States experienced 25 disasters, including a deadly wildfire in Maui and Hurricane Idalia in Florida. By registering for Provider Bridge, you will join thousands of qualified medical providers who are ready to provide care and contribute to the effective emergency management of these disasters.

Provider Bridge Supports States' Emergency Preparedness and Response

Provider Bridge is a free-to-use technology platform that maintains a comprehensive registry of health professionals that can be accessed expeditiously to prepare for and respond to local, regional, or national emergencies.

Joining the Provider Bridge platform allows you to create and own a time-stamped, digital report ("passport") that includes your name, provider type, professional school and graduation date, NPI, state license number(s), specialty or area of practice, and DEA registration(s), as well as any disciplinary history. Each license is verified via data sharing with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

Provider Bridge also allows entities, including state medical and nursing boards, hospitals, health care institutions, public health offices, and emergency management entities to search for verified medical professionals who are willing to assist in an emergency or deploy to a disaster site. Additionally, entities can verify the credentials of state-based registrants as well as those professionals in other states.

Currently, Provider Bridge includes physicians, PAs, and nurses and is positioned to expand to include other medical professionals, such as mental health providers (psychologists, counselors, social workers), respiratory therapists, EMS providers, and others.

Register Now!

Provider Bridge supports expeditious emergency response most effectively by having a large number of medical professionals registered in the platform. Registration takes only a few minutes and can be completed at the following link: <https://www.providerbridge.org/>.

What to Expect After Registering for Provider Bridge

Once you have registered for Provider Bridge, there are no additional steps you need to take. You can generate a certified pdf of your passport to present at an emergency site. Health care entities can add registrants to their provider list, pull Provider Bridge passports, and contact providers (unless a licensee chooses to opt out of allowing entities to find their profile). In the event of a national or state emergency, an entity can reach out to providers to determine if they are available and willing to provide health care services.

For more information, please contact:

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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

Board Action Report (actions taken since 10/01/2023)

Ehab Haj Ali, M.D., Prospect, KY License #45265

Agreed Order entered into 11/07/2023

Moutaz Al-Nabhan, M.D., Prospect, KY License #42043

Agreed Order entered into 11/07/2023

Richard H. Cales, M.D., Louisville, KY License #36961

Agreed Order entered into 10/24/2023

Peter G. Deveaux, M.D., Louisville, KY License #46444

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/17/2023

Ngoc Jennifer Doan, P.A.-C, Louisville, KY License #PA3345

Agreed Order entered into 12/21/2023

Hamed A. Elfeky, M.D., Wilmington, DE License #58670

Agreed Order of Fine issued 10/10/2023

Clifford Freeman, M.D., Paducah, KY License #53171

Order of Probation issued 10/25/2023, effective
11/25/2023

Sinikka L. Green, M.D., Austin, TX License #56347

Agreed Order entered into 11/13/2023

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Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/16/2023

Noor Hassan, M.D., Cincinnati, OH License #58671

Agreed Order entered into 10/13/2023

Robert A. Hayden, P.A.-C., Bardwell, KY License #PA2143

Agreed Order entered into 10/06/2023

Sajjad Jameel, M.D., Prospect, KY License #39870

Agreed Order entered into 11/07/2023

Benjamin M. Kotinsley, M.D., Houston, TX License #47170

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/20/2023

Gene Hyung Lee, M.D., Honolulu, HA License #52005

Agreed Order entered into 11/13/2023

Gene Hyung Lee, M.D., Honolulu, HA License #52005

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/16/2023

Howard D. Markowitz, M.D., Lexington, KY License #33813

Fifth Amended Agreed Order issued 11/27/2023

Wa'el Milyani, M.D., Las Vegas, NV License #51461

Agreed Order entered into 11/29/2023

Wa'el Milyani, M.D., Las Vegas, NV License #51461

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/30/2023

Madhan Mohan, M.D., Knoxville, TN License #29667

Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order issued
11/17/2023

Ogochukwu Okpala, M.D., Atlanta, GA License #54046

Amended Agreed Order issued 11/06/2023

Daniel B. Ray, M.D., Liberty Township, OH License #26443

Agreed Order entered into 11/02/2023

Rosenberg A. Reyes, M.D., Louisville, KY License #35249

Agreed Order entered into 11/16/2023

Frederick J. Rosenblum, M.D., Arden, NC License #48610

Agreed Order entered into 12/05/2023

Julie A. Salisbury, P.A.-C., Owensboro, KY License #PA819

Amended Agreed Order issued 10/25/2023

William J. Short, M.D., Ashland, KY License #29564

Agreed Order entered into 11/20/2023

Walter Stein, M.D., Wyomissing, PA License #33088

Agreed Order entered into 12/05/2023

Walter Stein, M.D., Wyomissing, PA License #33088

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 12/07/2023

Chris R. Toler, M.D., Owensboro, KY License #40106

Agreed Order entered into 11/01/2023

Chris R. Toler, M.D., Owensboro, KY License #40106

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/03/2023

William K. Vincent, M.D., Central City, KY License #36099

Final Order Overturning Emergency Order of
Restriction issued 12/22/2023

Bryan S. Wood, M.D., Danville, KY License #35104

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/17/2023

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

Barry G. Hardison, M.D., Central City, KY License #23875

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction
issued 10/24/2023

Anand P. Lalaji, M.D., Atlanta, GA License #41552

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension
issued 11/14/2023, effective 11/16/2023

William K. Vincent, M.D., Central City, KY License #36099

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued
10/24/2023

KASPER Report Cards Are Now Available and KASPER Account Reminder

KASPER Prescriber Report Cards have returned and are currently available! It is easier than ever to read, identify high-risk patients and view prescribing comparisons within your specialty. To view annual or quarterly report cards, log into your KASPER account through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' secure Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG) portal. Access to the Prescriber Report Cards are available to Master Account Holders and Delegates under the Review Reports menu. In addition, an icon is on the Home Page under Additional Resources.

For more information, here is a link to all KASPER training materials: <https://ekasper.chfs.ky.gov/TrainingMaterials/TrainingMaterialsTOC.pdf> A link to the Prescriber Report Card user guide is available here: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/dai/deppb/Documents/KASPERPrescriberReportCardUserGuide.pdf>

The Board strongly recommends all licensees who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances in Kentucky to take a few moments and review your Prescriber Report Card at least on annual basis.. In addition, the Board is aware there may still be some of its licensees, who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances in Kentucky, who either have not registered for KASPER or have not onboarded to KOG (Kentucky Online Gateway). Please remember, state law requires that any authorized prescriber of controlled substances (have an active DEA) must have an active KASPER account.

If you are one of these physicians, please go to <https://ekasper.chfs.ky.gov>. This web site will direct you to the KOG home page where you can create a citizen or business partner account. Once you have completed the KOG registration process, KOG will direct you to the KASPER – KOG Onboarding web page, where you should select Request a KASPER Account at the bottom of the screen. If you previously had a KASPER account you should not create a new account! Instead, you should enter your old KASPER user name and password to onboard your existing KASPER account to KOG. If you don't remember your old KASPER user name or password, you can call the Help Desk at 502-564-2703 for assistance.

Importance of Writing Prescriptions for Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications and Supplies for Patients Insured by Medicaid

Insurance coverage for FDA-approved over-the-counter (OTC) medications (e.g., naloxone, acetaminophen, ibuprofen) and supplies (e.g., blood glucose meters, test strips, lancets) is an essential component of providing effective health care. As more drugs become available as OTC medications, it is critical for prescribers to be aware that insurance coverage of these OTC medications may still require a prescription. Generating a prescription for OTC medications and supplies is especially important when treating patients insured by Medicaid who may not otherwise be able to afford them. Although an OTC medication may be available for purchase without a prescription, a Medicaid beneficiary can only utilize their drug coverage benefit if a prescription is generated and the pharmacy bills Medicaid. Kentucky regulations allow for OTC medications and supplies to be covered.

For example, OTC naloxone was released in September 2023 with a suggested retail price of \$44.99 per 2-unit box. However, a prescription for naloxone for Kentucky patients insured by Medicaid would be covered at no cost. It is essential for prescribers to be aware of this requirement and incorporate writing prescriptions for OTC naloxone as part of their workflow to remove the cost barrier and increase access for patients insured by Medicaid. Furthermore, clinicians should be aware of the naloxone co-pay program available to cover the co-pay up to \$45 for all KY individuals who are uninsured or have private pay insurance. Please see <https://www.kphanet.org/copay> for further details regarding the KY Naloxone Co-pay program.

To review a list of all eligible OTC products currently covered by Medicaid FFS, please see https://kyportal.magellanmedicaid.com/public/client/static/kentucky/documents/KY_Covered_OTC_DrugList.pdf. A list of eligible OTC products covered by Medicaid MCOs can be found at https://kyportal.medimpact.com/sites/default/files/2023-09/ky_medicaid_otc_list_09202023.pdf. Please note these lists are current as of October 2023 but are subject to change. To access all KY Medicaid-related pharmacy information, including checking for updates to these OTC lists, please see the following link: <https://kyportal.medimpact.com/provider-documents/drug-information>

Renewal of Medical License For 2024

The 2024 annual renewal notice was mailed to physicians in December 2023. Please note that state regulation requires all physicians currently practicing in the state to renew their license by March 1, 2024, pay the \$150.00 registration fee in order to keep their license active. Renewals paid after March 1, 2024, but prior to the April 1, 2024, deadline, may be made by paying an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Failure to renew your license by the April 1, 2024, 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 hold a Kentucky compact license, you are required to renew your license on the IMLCC website: <https://www.imlcc.org/renew/>. If you have any questions regarding your renewal or require assistance, please contact the Board at (502) 429-7150.

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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.