



# Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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## Amended Administrative Regulation 201 KAR 9:270 In Effect

The Board would like to advise its licensees that it recently completed the process of amending [201 KAR 9:270](#) – Professional standards for prescribing, dispensing, or administering Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with- Naloxone. The changes to the regulation went into effect on January 22, 2026. A link to the amended regulation can be found by clicking the regulation number above.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to all stakeholders who took part in this process and submitted their comments.

## Renewal of Medical License For 2026

The 2026 annual renewal notice was mailed to physicians in December 2025. Please note that state regulation requires all physicians currently practicing in the state to renew their license by March 1, 2026, pay the \$150.00 registration fee in order to keep their license active. Renewals paid after March 1, 2026, but prior to the April 1, 2026, deadline, may be made by paying an additional \$50.00 penalty fee. Failure to renew your license by the April 1, 2026, 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](http://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, which can be found here: [License Renewal | Interstate Medical Licensure Compact](#). If you have any questions regarding your renewal or require assistance, please contact the Board at (502) 429-7150.

## Board Consultant Appreciation

The Board would like to take this opportunity to publicly offer its most sincere appreciation and thanks to each of the physicians throughout the Commonwealth, who have agreed to serve as a Board consultant.

As physicians throughout the state are aware, the primary mission of the Board is public protection, and the services provided by our Board consultants are vital to the Board's ability to meet its statutory obligations. Board consultants are primarily asked to review medical records of physicians under investigation to make a determination whether the care rendered meets the acceptable and prevailing medical standards in the Commonwealth. Each of these reviews is specialty specific, which is part of the reason why the Board is always looking to recruit new consultants.

It is important to point out that physicians who serve in this capacity for the Board are not only protecting the citizens of Kentucky but are also providing a critical and valuable service to their fellow physicians and the practice of medicine. The Board recognizes these physicians for their dedicated service and again thanks each one for their contributions to the public safety of Kentuckians.

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 10/01/2025)**

**Michael G. Antimisiaris, M.D., Pikeville, KY License #37545**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/21/2025

**Lee Barnwell, M.D., Richmond, KY License #58261**

Agreed Order entered into 11/05/2025

**Aaron L. Boster, M.D., Columbus, OH License #C1630**

Agreed Order entered into 12/02/2025

**Joshua L. Brown, D.O., Morrow, OH License #05596**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 12/19/2025

**Nepthalie F. Catameo, M.D., Hazard, KY License #39109**

Agreed Order entered into 10/28/2025

**James D. Charasika, M.D., Louisville, KY License #18988**

Agreed Order entered into 12/10/2025

**Iryna V. Chesnokova, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY License #60319**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/08/2025

**Brian T. Evans, M.D., Meadow Vista, CA License #C4055**

Agreed Order entered into 12/02/2025

**Brian T. Evans, M.D., Meadow Vista, CA License #C4055**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 12/04/2025

**Louis Todd House, M.D., N. Hutchinson Island, FL License #28276**

Agreed Order entered into 12/11/2025

**Sunil R. Kurup, M.D., Dallas, TX License #C1677**

Agreed Order entered into 11/20/2025

**Rick J. Lawson, M.D., Prospect, KY License #33029**

Agreed Order of Retirement entered into 11/20/2025

**Matthew T. Lewis, D.O., Ashland, KY License #03281**

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/07/2025

**Deepak Mittal, M.D., Edgewood, KY License #34456**

Agreed Order entered into 11/05/2025

**Michael J. Mullins, D.O., Pikeville, KY License #05215**

Agreed Order entered into 12/05/2025

**Margaret L. Ng-Cadlaon, M.D., Coal Grove, OH License #30081**

Agreed Order entered into 10/09/2025

**Ruth Pan, M.D., Sacramento, CA License #C1222**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/08/2025

**Daniel E. Parks, M.D., Staunton, VA License #C2216**

Agreed Order of Retirement entered into 11/03/2025

**Thomas F. Satterly, D.O., Frankfort, KY License #C3130**

Amended Agreed Order entered into 12/08/2025

**Miranda Schmidt, M.D., Louisville, KY License #R6876**

Agreed Order entered into 12/11/2025

**Zeeshan K. Tayeb, M.D., Cincinnati, OH License #44151**

Agreed Order entered into 10/29/2025

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Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11/03/2025

**Diane S. Thomas, M.D., Lebanon, KY License #32504**

Agreed Order entered into 11/10/2025

**Andrew J. West, M.D., Louisville, KY License #32374**

Agreed Order entered into 12/08/2025

**James D. Wilson, M.D., Somerset, KY License #28922**

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 10/17/2025

**William White, M.D., Smithfield, KY License # 19649**

Order Suspending License Pursuant to 201 KAR 9:310 issued 11/10/2025, effective 11/19/2025

**William White, M.D., Smithfield, KY License # 19649**

Order Reinstating Suspended License issued 11/21/2025

**Tracee L. Wojtkowski, M.D., Louisville, KY License #38045**

Agreed Order entered into 12/24/2025

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

**Peter B. Hardin, M.D., Campbellsville, KY License #42374**

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 10/16/2025

**Jesse W. Heard, M.D. Vanceburg, KY License #57417**

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension Issued 12/22/2025

**Joel S. Jones, D.O., Hartland, WI License #C1211**

Emergency Order of Suspension Pursuant to IMLC issued 11/18/2025

**Joel S. Jones, D.O. Hartland, WI License #C1211**

Complaint and Amended Emergency Order of Suspension issued 12/22/2025

## Reminder of Requirement to Report Board Actions and Criminal Actions

The Board would like to remind physicians of the requirements of 201 KAR 9:081 regarding reporting Board Actions and criminal convictions within 10 days. According to the regulation, 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. According to the regulation, 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). A copy of 201 KAR 9:081 can be reviewed at the Board's website.

## Why Do Patients File Grievances with the Board?

Have you ever wondered what drives a patient to file a grievance with the Board? Board members often get this question from their colleagues and as you can imagine, the reasons vary from case to case, but they often contain a common theme of poor communication between the patient and the physician.

Patients often complain when their physician seems to spend too little time listening to them or examining them or seem to jump to a decision about their condition(s) without fully considering what the patient has to say, or when one treating physician fails to communicate with another treating physician. Patients also file grievances because a physician's office staff was impolite, cancelled appointments with short notice or on repeated occasions, and when they cannot obtain their medical records in a timely manner. Another common patient complaint involves untimely completion of death certificates, which can cause undue hardship on a grieving family.

The Board understands the world of medicine is extremely fast-paced and increasingly pressured by deadlines, insurance regulations, paperwork, etc. With that being said, the Board also recognizes that having a grievance filed against you can be a disconcerting, inconvenient, and time-consuming event. The good news is the Board has found these situations can often be avoided by stressing the importance of communication between you, your office staff, and the patient.

## Reminder on Physician Self-Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members

One of the common mistakes the members of the Board see on a regular basis involves physicians and their self-treatment or treatment of immediate family members. Due to this fact, the Board would like to remind all physicians that according to the American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics, physicians generally should not treat themselves or members of their immediate families. Professional objectivity may be compromised when an immediate family member or the physician is a patient; the physician's personal feelings may unduly influence his/her medical judgment, interfering with the care provided. When treating themselves or immediate family members, physicians may be inclined to treat problems that are beyond their expertise.

In emergency or isolated settings where there is no other qualified physician available, physicians should not hesitate to treat themselves or family members until another physician becomes available. However, it is important to note that it is not appropriate for physicians to write prescriptions for controlled substances for themselves or immediate family members.

Unfortunately, the Board continues to review cases involving allegations that physicians were self-prescribing a controlled substance, for themselves or an immediate family member, which resulted in disciplinary action. **Physicians are strongly encouraged** to become familiar with drugs that may be scheduled as controlled substances in Kentucky.

A list of all controlled substances (Schedule II-V) in Kentucky can be found at [KentuckyScheduledDrugList.pdf](#).

The Board routinely enforces principles of the AMA Code of Medical Ethics discouraging physicians from treating themselves or members of their "immediate family." The Board, at its June 2024 meeting, amended its definition to the following: "Immediate Family" is defined as "husband or wife; natural or adoptive parent; child, or sibling; stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, or stepsister; father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law; grandparent or grandchild; spouse of a grandparent or grandchild; and any person residing in the same residence as the licensee."

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The Board does not publish your email address.