



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Help Protect Your Practice – Review Your Prescribing Report Card

One of the best ways to help protect your practice is to review your personal KASPER Prescriber Report card on a regular basis. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services provides this important resource and expands the information that is available to help physicians monitor their controlled substances prescribing and compares your prescribing practices with physicians in same specialty throughout the Commonwealth.

KASPER Prescriber Report Cards for the 2nd Quarter of 2026 are now 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. Here is a link to the KASPER's website where you can find more information, helpful tips, and other resources: [KASPER](https://www.kasper.ky.gov).

A link to the Prescriber Report Card user guide is available on the [KASPER](https://www.kasper.ky.gov) webpage.

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.

KASPER Report Error Correction Process

If a KASPER report contains erroneous controlled substance prescription records, the practitioner or patient should contact the dispenser to verify the information reported. The dispenser can correct information reported in error by referring to the [KASPER Record Correction](#) guide. If the dispenser verifies that the information was reported accurately, the dispenser or practitioner should contact the [Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch](#) at (502) 564-7985 to investigate the error.

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Recognized as 2026 Wellbeing First Champion

We are prioritizing your wellbeing by ensuring safe access to mental health care. At the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, we believe that to care for others, you must first be supported in caring for yourself. We are proud to announce that we have been recognized as a 2026 Wellbeing First Champion by ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare.

What does this mean to you? This designation verifies that our licensure applications are free from intrusive, stigmatizing mental health questions. We have audited our language to ensure that each of our licensees can seek mental health care or treatment for substance use without fear of losing their license.

Like everyone, health workers deserve the right to pursue mental health care confidentially. Removing overly invasive mental health questions from our licensing applications is a concrete step toward changing the culture of medicine. We want you to know that your mental health is a priority, and your current ability to practice in a competent, ethical, and professional manner is what matters—not your medical history.

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 01/01/2026)

Amadeo L. Abraham, M.D., Louisville, KY License #43520
Agreed Order entered into 3/02/2026

Frank J. Amico, D.O., Suffolk, VA License #04434
Agreed Order entered into 3/11/2026

Frank J. Amico, D.O., Suffolk, VA License #04434
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 3/26/2026

Angela K. Anderson, M.D., Cold Spring, KY License #60547
Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 2/13/2026

Gregory V. Babigian, M.D., Saint James, NY License #45505
Default and Final Order issued 2/13/2026

Cheryl L. Barnes, M.D., Louisville, KY License #32968
Agreed Order entered into 2/13/2026

Aaron L. Boster, M.D., Columbus, OH License #61679
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 3/26/2026

Brandon N. Conrad, M.D., Lexington, KY License #47034
Agreed Order entered into 1/30/2026

David E. Cowen, M.D., Lexington, KY License #26654
Agreed Order entered into 3/05/2026

Abbas A. Chamsuddin, M.D., Port St. Lucie, FL License #44796
Agreed Order entered into 2/23/2026

David N. Dahl, D.O., Washington, IN License #C0420
Agreed Order entered into 1/30/2026

David N. Dahl, D.O., Washington, IN License #C0420
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 3/12/2026

Helena Do, Nicholasville, KY License #05850
Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 3/23/2026

Andrew Epstein, D.O., Tuscon, AZ
Order Denying Application for Licensure issued
3/25/2026

Richard F. Ford, M.D., Ashland, KY License #31293
Agreed Order entered into 1/30/2026

Jonathan Hatton, D.O., Jenkins, KY License #03608
Agreed Order entered into 1/05/2026

Gary L. Higgason, M.D., Lexington, KY License #22759
Default and Final Order Pursuant to KRS 311.599 &
KRS 311.604 issued 1/22/2026, effective 3/21/2026

Joel Steven Jones, D.O., Hartland, WI License #C1211
Agreed Order entered into 1/15/2026

Barbara Juriga, D.O., Murrells Inlet, SC
Order Denying Application for Licensure issued
1/08/2026

Lu Wei King, M.D., Bartow, CA License #61917
Agreed Order of Fine entered into 3/25/2026

Kemal M. Kucuk, M.D., Vernon Hills, IL License #61607
Agreed Order entered into 1/16/2026

Tom O. McGuire, M.D. Shelbiana, KY License #20022
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/23/2026

Stephen P. Meese, D.O., Sardinia, OH License #02536
Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender entered into
2/19/2026

Paul M. Moore, M.D., Bowling Green, KY License #32916
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/23/2026

Philip C. Overall, M.D., Lexington, KY License #45381
Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/25/2026

Alyson R. Ryan, M.D., Crescent Springs, KY License #50954
Agreed Order entered into 2/11/2026

Sandeep Sagar, M.D., Owensboro, KY License #53442
Agreed Order entered into 3/19/2026

Whitney Shepard, M.D., Campbellsville, KY License #58480
Agreed Order entered into 2/02/2026

Vladimir Skorokhod, M.D., Tulare, CA License #39530
Agreed Order entered into 3/12/2026

Benjamin S. Smith, M.D., Westview, KY License #38740
Agreed Order entered into 2/04/2026

Lesla S. Sutton-Davis, M.D., Goshen, KY License #36607
Order of Indefinite Restriction issued, 1/28/2026,
effective 2/27/2026

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

Rolando Cheng, M.D., Clarksville, AR License #21326
Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension
issued 2/20/2026, effective 3/6/2026

Christopher McCoy, D.O., Pikeville, KY License #03353
Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued
3/09/2026, effective 3/12/2026

Stephen P. Meese, D.O. Sardinia, Ohio License #02536
Amended Complaint and Emergency Order of
Suspension issued 1/20/2026

How to Request 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>. You may also contact our Legal Department for information as well.

Warning – Scammers are Still Attempting to Impersonate Board and Government Officials

Please be aware the Board is still receiving numerous reports of a widespread fraud scheme in which telephone scammers are impersonating Board representatives to extort money or steal personal information. Over the past few years, the Board has even noted the scammers are employing more sophisticated tactics and have spoofed the Board main phone number in attempt to convince their target that the call is legitimate and occasionally will send documents on fake KBML letterhead and forged signature of the Board's Executive Director.

Often, they will utilize an urgent and aggressive tone, refusing to speak or leave a message with anyone other than the physician and threaten some kind of Board action or action against the physician's DEA unless thousands of dollars are transferred or sent via untraceable gift card numbers or bitcoin. There have even been reports that these scammers are informing physicians that involving their attorneys will only make things worse, which certainly should raise a red flag.

With these reports in mind, the Board would like to remind you that our office 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.

It is important to note that physicians throughout the state have received these phone calls. While the appropriate authorities have been made aware of these fraudulent attempts, the Board encourages all 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.

General Assembly Passes SB 116

One of the many pieces of legislation passed during the 2026 Legislative Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, was SB 116, sponsored by Sen. Scott Madon, which was signed by Governor Andy Beshear on April 10, 2026. This important piece of legislation makes numerous changes to the physician assistant statutes. One of the major changes involves the amending of KRS 311.844 and KRS 311.858 to include Schedule II controlled substances in the list of controlled substances authorized PA license holders may prescribe.

Please note that while SB 116 becomes effective on **July 15, 2026**, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) would like to advise all physician assistants, who currently hold a DEA registration in Kentucky, they may go ahead and begin the process of updating their information with the KBML and the DEA. To begin the process, you must submit a letter from your supervising physician on the practice's letterhead attesting he/she approves the physician assistant's prescribing and administering of Schedule II controlled substances with the limitations set out in SB 116. You may submit this information to the attention of the KBML's physician assistant coordinator, Andrea Brown, via her email @ andrea.brown@ky.gov or via mail to our office.

Pursuant to the language in SB 116, the limitations on physician assistant prescribing and administering Schedule II controlled substances includes:

- Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for narcotic Schedule II controlled substances classified under KRS 218A.060, except for hydrocodone combination products as defined in KRS 218A.010, shall be limited to a seventy-two (72-hour) supply without any refill.
- Prescriptions issued by a physician assistant for hydrocodone combination products as defined KRS 218A.010, nonnarcotic Schedule II controlled substances and Schedule III controlled substances, as defined in KRS 218A.060 and 218A.080, shall be limited to a thirty (30) day supply without refill.

In order to make the required changes with the DEA, any changes to the schedules can be requested through the following link: [CSA Registration Tools: Login](#). Approval of the changes will be at the discretion of your local DEA office in accordance with state laws and regulations.

Process for Physician Assistants to Obtain Initial Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances

For those physician assistants who do not currently have a DEA registration in Kentucky and have at least one (1) year of experience as a licensed and practicing physician assistant, you can find the application and instructions for supervising physicians requesting prescriptive authority for physician assistants to prescribe controlled substances at the following link: [Application for Prescriptive Authority.pdf](#).

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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.