

## Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) KASPER Registration Requirements – Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: I am a retired, but keep an active medical license and Kentucky DEA registration for emergency purposes. I do not dispense or write prescriptions for controlled substances. Do I need to maintain a KASPER account?

Answer 1: **Yes.** All licensed physicians with an active Kentucky DEA registration must register and maintain a KASPER account regardless of whether you plan to use such authority. If you do not desire, or are unable to conform to all KBML controlled substance prescribing and dispensing regulations you may want to retire your KY DEA number by calling DEA Registration Support at 571-362-6905.

Question 2: I am a Kentucky licensed physician; however, I practice in Texas and my DEA number is registered to my practice address in Texas. Do I need to maintain a KASPER Account?

Answer 2: **No.** Only physicians who are licensed to practice medicine in Kentucky and have a Kentucky DEA registration are required to maintain a KASPER account. A Kentucky specific DEA number is required to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in Kentucky because DEA registrations are state specific. If you return to practice in Kentucky and transfer your DEA to a Kentucky address or create a new Kentucky DEA registration, you are required to register with KASPER at that time.

Question 3: Several years ago, I registered with KASPER when first required, however I am in a group practice now and someone else runs KASPER reports for the entire practice. Must I still have my own access to KASPER?

Answer 3: **Yes.** A physician may only request KASPER reports for their current or prospective patients. You must link (onboard) your existing KASPER account to the new secure KOG portal as soon as possible and run KASPER patients under your name. You may designate one or more delegates to run reports under your account, and any delegate can be designated under multiple physician accounts within your office, but it is important you ensure they know to select the correct physician for whom they are requesting each patient report. Contact the KASPER Help Desk at 502-564-2703 or [eKASPERHelp@ky.gov](mailto:eKASPERHelp@ky.gov) if you need help with this process.

Question 4: I'm a Kentucky licensed physician serving in the military. Do I need to maintain a KASPER account?

Answer 4: **Yes.** If you have a Kentucky medical license and a Kentucky DEA registration, regardless of whether you are a military practitioner, you are required to maintain a KASPER account.

Question 5: I am a Kentucky licensed physician, however I practice telemedicine from my office in California and prescribe controlled substances for some Kentucky patients. Do I need to maintain a KASPER account?

Answer 5: **Yes.** According to the DEA you must have a DEA registration in the state where the patient receiving treatment is located, and all practitioners with a Kentucky DEA registration must maintain a KASPER account (see FAQ #1).

Question 6: I am a resident practicing at a hospital in Kentucky and using the hospital's DEA to write prescriptions. Do I need to maintain a KASPER account?

Answer 6: **No.** However, if you have a DEA registration in *your* name to have controlled substance prescriptive authority outside the hospital's scope of employment, you must maintain a KASPER account. Even without your own DEA registration you are required to follow board regulations and review KASPER patient reports in certain situations. If your hospital does not utilize a KASPER institutional account to obtain reports, you should obtain your own KASPER account using the hospital DEA. If you terminate employment with that hospital, you should update the DEA number on your KASPER account by contacting the KASPER Help Desk at 502-564-2703 or [eKASPERHelp@ky.gov](mailto:eKASPERHelp@ky.gov) .

Question 7: My electronic health records are integrated with KASPER and I have access to view patient reports without logging into the Cabinet's secure portal, Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG). Am I still required to register and maintain a KASPER account?

Answer 7: **Yes.** Failure to be registered and use KASPER outside integrated systems, to review patient reports, your KASPER prescriber report (a.k.a. Reverse KASPER) or Prescriber Report Card while authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances may result in disciplinary action by the board.

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KBML Required KASPER registration regulation: [201 KAR 9:230](#)

For instructions to obtain an account, review the [KASPER-KOG Registration document](#) .

For technical help registering or updating a KASPER account, contact the KASPER Help Desk at 502-564-2703 or [eKASPERHelp@ky.gov](mailto:eKASPERHelp@ky.gov) .

For KASPER user guides, tips and trend data, please visit the [KASPER public web site](#).

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