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FREE REDUCTION FOR RENEWALS IN 2016-2017

In 2013, the Board of Medicine voted to reduce renewal fees by approximately 14% for all its professions renewing in 2014 and 2015. The Board's revenues have kept pace with its expenses, such that another reduction can be made for the next biennium. On December 4, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Board voted to institute an approximate 20% reduction for all professions renewing in 2016 and 2017. This reduced renewal fee will be reflected in the amount you are asked to pay when you go online.

MIDWIFERY GUIDANCE

At its October 9, 2015 meeting, the Advisory Board on Midwifery proposed that the first section, Intrapartum Risk Factors, of Guidance Document 85-10 entitled Disclosure by Licensed Midwives for High-Risk Pregnancy Conditions be given to clients at the first prenatal visit. The Advisory suggested language be added to the Guidance Document to this effect. This change was approved by the Board of Medicine at its October 22, 2015 meeting. The following language has been inserted into Guidance Document 85-10 in bold type. **"The disclosure of intrapartum risk factors should be given to the client at the first prenatal visit."**

VIRGINIA PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PMP)

Did you know that a PMP report can help inform treatment and prescribing decisions by:

1. Confirming a patient's prescription history for controlled substances
2. Assisting in monitoring a patient's compliance with the treatment plan
3. Alerting the healthcare practitioner to overlaps in drug therapy, or high-risk combinations of medications such as opioids and benzodiazepines
4. Alerting the healthcare practitioner to behavior that may indicate "doctor-shopping"

The PMP improved its reports in June of this year with the addition of the Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MEDD) for patients taking an opiate. The MEDD cumulative score is a comparative indicator of the prescribed opiate relative to morphine. It is calculated and reported for all opiate prescriptions that are deemed active, e.g., when doses from that prescription should still remain according to the quantity dispensed and the dosing directions.

The MEDD score is intended to alert prescribers and pharmacists when a patient is approaching or has exceeded a high daily dose of opiate medications. What is a high daily dose?

Several thresholds for a MEDD score denoting a high daily dose have been recommended. For example, in the state of Washington, the Legislature chose a threshold MEDD of 120 to trigger the requirement that a prescriber consult with a pain management specialist. (Source: From Epi to Policy: Prescription Drug Overdose Meeting, April 22-23, 2013, Atlanta, Georgia.) At a MEDD score of 100, the New York City Department of Health recommends that the prescriber do a complete reassessment of the patient's current pain status and treatment plan, as well as consider other approaches to pain management. As indicated on Virginia PMP reports, the CDC has reported that a MEDD of 100 or more signals a significant increase in overdose risk.

In addition to the new column on a PMP report that indicates the daily MEDD of a single opioid prescription, you will notice a second new column that indicates whether the prescription is currently deemed active or not. This designation will appear for all controlled substances, not just opiates.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MIXING, DILUTING, OR RECONSTITUTING

This year, the Board of Medicine formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review its regulations regarding the mixing, diluting or reconstituting of drugs for administration. This effort was sparked by a Board of Pharmacy-led Compounding Workgroup begun in 2014. As part of its review of compounding in Virginia, the Workgroup studied the Board of Medicine's regulations on Mixing, Diluting or Reconstituting of Drugs for Administration. The Workgroup noted that the Board's regulations define "immediate use" of a drug for administration as beginning within 10 hours of its preparation. It also noted that US Pharmacopeia defines "immediate use" as administration beginning within 1 hour of preparation. At its second meeting on September 30, 2015, clinicians on the Board of Medicine Ad Hoc Committee and stakeholders from the public expressed concern about the 1-hour timeframe and the impact it would have on patient care. The Committee was unable to agree on the recommendation to change the definition of "immediate use" to 1 hour. Therefore, the 10-hour definition stays in the regulations for now.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Medicine welcomed four new members this fall.

- Svinder Toor, MD-3rd District-Pediatric Neurologist from Norfolk
- David Taminger, MD-4th District-Family Medicine Physician from Midlothian
- Jane Hickey, JD-Citizen Member from Richmond
- Rev. Alvin Edwards, PhD-Citizen Member from Charlottesville

RECENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Full Board - [Draft Minutes of October 22, 2015](#)
- Executive Committee - [Draft Minutes of December 4, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Acupuncture - [Draft Minutes of October 7, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Athletic Training - [Draft Minutes of October 8, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Genetic Counseling - [Final Minutes of September 29, 2015](#) and [Draft Minutes of December 16, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Midwifery - [Draft Minutes of October 9, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Occupational Therapy - [Draft Minutes of October 6, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Physician Assistants - [Draft Minutes of October 8, 2015](#)
- Advisory on Radiological Technology - [Draft Minutes of October 7, 2015](#)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Mixing, Diluting, or Reconstituting Regulations - [Draft Minutes of September 30, 2015](#)

BOARD DECISIONS

The following list contains decisions from August 2015 through December 2015. You may access these decisions at www.dhp.virginia.gov (select "License Lookup") or at www.vahealthprovider.com for most MDs, DOs and DPMs. You may also contact the Board Office at (804) 367-4505 to request a copy.

NAME AND LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION	August 2015 THRU ACTIONS
Altman, Brian R., M.D. 0101-243739 Louisville, KY	8/21/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered July 3, 2013, <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> : July 1, 2013; physician holds a full and unrestricted license.
Brooks, Michael D., M.D. 0101-238595 South Hill, VA	8/26/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/09/14; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Cartagena, Rodolfo J., M.D. 0101-028013 Wise, VA	8/5/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on multiple patient cases of failure to maintain adequate, accurate and complete records; prescribing controlled substances for pain management treatment without medical justification, diagnosis, and proper medical record documentation; multiple cases of prescribing controlled substances to patients exhibiting drug-seeking behavior, addiction or drug abuse behavior and failure to refer these patients for treatment of substance abuse.
Downey, Mark P., M.D. 0101-234401 Louisville, KY	8/14/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 08/01/2011; license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Gruner, George, M.D. 0101-035092 Midlothian, VA	7/23/15	Reprimand; indefinite probation with terms and conditions based on closing practice without patient notification; and failure to provide records to multiple patients; and refusal to provide information to Board investigator.
Hassan, Rana M., P.A. 0110-001718 Fairfax, VA	8/26/15	Violation of practicing without a license; no sanction imposed based on corrective action.
Holmes, Yolanda, M.D. 0101-051270 Washington, DC	08/12/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 07/10/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Kaza, Mohan V., M.D. 0101-245357 Bloomfield Hills, MI	8/24/15	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Michigan Board of Medicine.
Koontz, Warren S., M.D. 0101-048298 Richmond, VA	08/14/15	Compliance with Term 1 of the Board's Order entered 06/25/15; still prohibited from chronic pain management or treatment.
Oraee, Samad, M.D. 0101-049783 Woodbridge, VA	08/07/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 08/18/14; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Sutton, Charles E., Jr., M.D. 0101-040567 Richmond, VA	8/28/15	Reprimand based on multiple cases of improper billing and incomplete medical records.
Crouse, Micah S., MD 0101-244405 Lexington, OH	9/21/15	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Ohio State Medical Board.
Faulhaber, Jason R., M.D. 0101-252957 Roanoke, VA	9/17/15	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Medicine.
	9/17/15	Reinstated with terms and conditions.

Fitzhugh, William G., M.D. 0101-017922 Richmond, VA	9/25/15	Reprimand based on permitting an unlicensed employee to administer controlled substances; administering medication and writing prescriptions without a current DEA registration number; failure to maintain a record of all drugs administered; and failure to maintain accurate and complete patient records.
Holt, David B., M.D. 0101-034316 Virginia Beach, VA	9/21/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 03/20/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Hunt, Lillian B., M.D. 0101-037286 Arlington, VA	7/31/15 9/10/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on failure to provide medical records to multiple patients as requested and refusal to provide information to the Board investigator. Compliance with the Board's Order entered 7/31/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Joyce, Richard A., M.D. 0101-040938 Scottsville, VA	9/28/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on multiple patient cases of pain management involving prescribing controlled substances without medical indication or medical diagnoses; failure to properly monitor patient usage or respond to signs of patient misuse or abuse; failure to maintain accurate, legible and complete patient records; and failure to develop treatment plan or monitor the efficacy of treatment.
Kwiatkowski, Timothy C., M.D. 0101-253415 Durham, NC	9/17/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Ledesma, Glenn N., M.D. 0101-034394 Beverly Hills, CA	9/29/15	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Medical Board of California.
Love, Carolyn A., M.D. 0101-028956 Granite Falls, NC	8/17/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on failure to perform/document a physical exam or assessment, formulate treatment plan and/or provide appropriate follow up care in one patient case and failure to maintain accurate, legible and complete patient records.
McKelvey, John K., M.D. 0101-258044 Greenville, SC	4/13/15	Licensure granted; license limited to the practice of occupational medicine based on health issues resulting from illness.
Mynes, Timothy F., D.O. 0102-203874 Forest, VA	9/9/15	License subject to terms and conditions based on action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.
Phocas, John G., III, M.D. 0101-235090 Virginia Beach, VA	7/31/15	Reinstatement granted.
Blackmore, Linda A., D.C. 0104-001140	9/9/15 9/11/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on misleading advertising; referring to self as "Dr." without indication of being a chiropractor. Compliance with the Board's Order entered on 9/9/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
McWilliams, John R., Jr., D.C. 0104-000822	8/12/15 8/31/15	Reprimand based on multiple patient billing for procedures not performed; creating false and /or misleading entries in patient records and failure to maintain accurate and complete records. Compliance with the Board's Order entered 08/12/15; terms terminated and license restored to

		full and unrestricted status.
Perez, Ana A., D.C. 0104-557099	9/16/15	Reprimand based on practicing without a license.
Karsten, Duane Allen, R.T. 0117-001959	9/22/15	Mandatory suspension based on felony conviction in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, to wit: One Count of Health Care Fraud.
Baker, John H., M.D. 0101-040892 Durham, NC	10/21/15	Reprimand and required to enter in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Bakhshi, Virat, M.D. 0101-102823 Henrico, VA	9/14/15	Reinstated on terms and conditions.
Blackwell, Jocelyn, M.D. 0101-237580 Kempner, TX	10/19/15	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on retirement due to health reasons.
Bunton, Timothy J., M.D. 0101-256374 Richmond, VA	10/28/15	Voluntary surrender for revocation based on three felony charges.
Fitzhugh, William G., M.D. 0101-017922 Richmond, VA	10/27/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 09/25/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Loftus, Andrew W., M.D. 0101-233165 Washington, DC	10/22/15	Continued on indefinite suspension based on inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Meador, Jason P., P.A. 0110-003381 Goodview, VA	10/1/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on treating patients prior to submitting a practice agreement and multiple patient cases of inappropriate prescribing.
Nguyen, Tony C. B., M.D. 0101-248741 Oakton, VA	10/1/15	Voluntary surrender for revocation based on multiple patient cases of engaging in sexual contact concurrent with the practitioner-patient relationship.
Nichols, Allen B., M.D. 0101-036628 Newport News, VA	10/1/15	Reprimand based on two patient cases of inappropriate standard of care.
Smith, Dallas A., Jr., M.D. 0101-029754 Greensboro, NC	10/14/15	Reprimand based on multiple patient cases of inappropriate standard of care.
Smith, Jerome, M.D. 0101-035708 Richmond, VA	10/16/15	Reinstatement of license with restriction on prescribing S-II and S-III medications.
Donofrio, David C., D.C. 0104-001725 Lady Lake, FL	10/15/15	Continued on indefinite suspension with suspension stayed upon HPMP entry.
Warner, Brent O., D.C. 0104-556270 Richlands, VA	10/14/15 10/16/15	Reprimand; \$500 monetary penalty based on practicing without a valid Virginia license. Compliance with the Board's order entered 10/14/15; license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Whited, Timothy Joel, R.T. 0117-005340 Swords Creek, VA	10/1/15	Suspension based on HPMP dismissal.
Anlauf, Justin August, A.T. 0126-001130 Round Hill, VA	10/5/15	License revocation based on convictions of four counts of using a computer for harassment and inability to practice due to sexual compulsion and/or mental illness.
Holland, Brandon, A.T. 0126-001152 Woodbridge, VA	10/7/15	Compliance with the Board's order entered 7/1/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Awan, Iftekhar A., M.D. 0101-056500 Omaha, NE	11/20/15	License reinstated.
Baker, John H., M.D. 0101-040892 Durham, NC	11/12/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/21/15; license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Combs, Kevin S., D.O. 0102-202010 Tazewell, VA	11/18/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 06/11/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and

		unrestricted status.
Gomez, Mario H., M.D. 0101-042524 Midlothian, VA	11/12/15	Permanently restricted from prescribing, dispensing or administering Schedule II and III medications based on violation of Board Order entered 07/24/2008.
Gonzalez, Julio C., M.D. 0101-034712 McLean, VA	11/16/15	Indefinite suspension based on multiple patient cases of inappropriate prescribing.
Gurney, Ronald E., M.D. 0101-031978 McLean, VA	11/10/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 04/13/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Hamilton-Milton, Yolanda L., M.D. 0101-047954 Houston, TX	11/9/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 05/16/2014; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Kane, Robert E., III, M.D. 0101-252337 Glen Allen, VA	11/13/15	Reprimand and remain in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness or substance abuse.
Pourmoghadam, Kamal K., M.D. 0101-252444 Orlando, FL	11/13/15	License subject to terms and conditions based on action by the Florida Board of Medicine.
Sharma, Mudit, M.D. 0101-241433 Dunn Loring, VA	11/30/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on two patient cases of unnecessary surgeries and mismanaged post-surgical conditions.
Shepard, Felix E., Jr., M.D. 0101-053138 Norton, VA	11/23/15	Continued on indefinite suspension based on prescribing controlled substances for two individuals outside a bona fide practitioner/patient relationship; sexual contact with a patient during the course of the practitioner/patient relationship and giving false statements about relationship in an affidavit; and making false or misleading statements to a Board investigator.
Stonerock, Grace J., M.D. 0101-045665 Manassas, VA	11/19/15	Restriction lifted based on Board's Order dated 09/26/2013; license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Sutton, Ernest L., M.D. 0101-259170 Syracuse, NY	10/1/15	Licensure granted with a reprimand based on misrepresentation of facts and providing fraudulent, false and misleading information on his application; and standard of care issues.
Thomas, Debra J., M.D. 0101-248544 Cedar Bluff, VA	10/5/15	Violation of inability to practice due to illness; no sanction imposed as license is expired.
Tucker, Ruby M., M.D. 0101-225807 Chesapeake, VA	10/1/15	Reprimand based on prescribing Schedule II medications for family members; two patient cases of inappropriate pain management; and failure to notify patients before closing medical practice.
Valley, Thomas C., M.D. Applicant King George, VA	10/30/15	License denied based on inability to practice due to illness.
Wolford, Keith H., M.D. 0101-016557 Virginia Beach, VA	11/30/15	Reprimand based on multiple patient cases of inappropriate prescribing.
Wood, John L., M.D. 0101-038806 Winchester, VA	11/16/15	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and /or substance abuse.
Donofrio, David C., D.C. 0104-001725 Lady Lake, FL	11/05/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/15/15; suspension stayed and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Duke, Howard F., D.P.M. 0103-000600 Richmond, VA	11/05/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 07/16/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.

Blankenbecler, Justin A., A.T. 0126-001600 Chester, VA	11/13/15	Mandatory suspension based on a felony conviction in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, to wit: Two Counts of Sexual Assault of a Student; and One Count of Exhibiting Pornography to Minors.
Baral, Sarad R., M.D. 0101-243846 Pocomoke City, MD	12/16/15 12/22/15	License subject to terms and conditions based on action by the Maryland Board of Physicians. Compliance with the Board's Order entered 12/16/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Burch, William A., III, M.D. 0101-241845 Arlington, VA	12/22/15	Continued on indefinite suspension based on non-compliance with the Virginia HPMP; multiple patient cases of inappropriate prescribing; and failure to notify patients of practice closure.
Cowlbeck, Cary E., P.A. 0110-001388 Lancaster, VA	12/11/15	Reprimand based on engaging in independent practice without a supervising physician; prescribing multiple times to an individual with no bona fide practitioner/patient relationship; and creating a false medical record.
Cross, Nancy K., P.A. 0110-840826 Ashburn, VA	12/3/15	Reinstated; Reprimand; \$1000 monetary penalty based on practicing without a valid license.
Cryer, Chad M.T., MD 0101-241525 Pearl City, HI	11/4/15	License subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and /or substance abuse.
Davis, Jeffrey J., M.D. 0101-250500 Holyoke, MA	12/17/15	Mandatory suspension based on action by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Evans, Robert B., M.D. 0101-042509 Marion, VA	11/20/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Fondinka, Godfrey S., M.D. 0101-239551 Fayetteville, NC	11/12/15	Restricted from prescribing any Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances based on North Carolina Medical Board's action.
Kiczales, Adolphe C., M.D. 0101-016768 Winchester, VA	12/16/15	Voluntary permanent surrender of license based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Love, Carolyn A., M.D. 0101-028956 Granite Falls, NC	12/4/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 08/17/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
McQuilkin, Bradford R., M.D. 0101-056070 Bridgewater, VA	12/4/15	Reprimand and remain in HPMP based on inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to illness and/or substance abuse.
Meador, Jason P., P.A. Goodview, VA	12/3/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/1/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Ojiegbe, Vitalis O., M.D. 0101-231323 Bowie, MD	12/18/15	Reprimand; license subject to terms and conditions based on Maryland Board of Physicians Consent Order dated 03/12/15.
Pourmoghadan, Kamal K., M.D. 0101-252444 Orlando, FL	12/8/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 10/1/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Rogers, William D., Jr., M.D. 0101-034639 Alexandria, Va	12/18/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 03/30/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Smith, Garrett H., M.D. 0101-242036 East Lansing, MI	12/17/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 05/28/13; license reinstated and restored to full and unrestricted status.

Zackrison, Leila H., M.D. 0101-045689 Fairfax, VA	12/11/15	Compliance with the Board's Order entered 02/25/15; terms terminated and license restored to full and unrestricted status.
Richardson, Henry J., R.C.P. 0117-006340	12/3/15	Suspension based on action by the State of South Carolina.

The following Radiologic Technologists (“Rad-tech”) or Radiologic Technologists-Limited (“Limited”), Respiratory Care Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Athletic Trainers, or Behavioral Analyst were issued a license and a reprimand, or violation with no sanction, based upon practicing without a license for a period of time:

Eckert, MacKinley, R.T. 0120-008515	9/21/15
Grace, Francene Terry, O.T.A. 0131-000216	10/26/15
Alegre, Jennifer Phutililat, R.T. 0120-002230	11/2/15
Branch, Barlowe H., Jr., R.T. 0120-003170	7/1/15
Harney, Kelsey, A.T. 0126-002297	1/21/15
Heim, William, A.T. 0126-002153	6/17/14
Forrest, Rebekah W., O.T.A. 0131-001161	5/28/13
Hoffman, Sarah, O.T.A. 0131-001383	12/11/14
Lokker, Kirstyn, O.T. 0119-006783	11/12/15
Tampasis, Patricia M., O.T.A. 0131-001391	1/15/15
Hurst, Michelle L., B.A. 0133-000492	9/25/14
Zooberg, Amber G., B.A. 0133-000508	10/20/14
Barnes, Jean, R.T. 0120-002203	12/9/15
Hepburn-Wiley, Kenara, R.T. 0120-008588	12/4/15
Harmon, Christine, O.T. 0119-002207	12/3/15

The following individuals were suspended due to submitting a check, money draft, or similar instrument for payment of a fee required by statute or regulation which is not honored by the bank or financial institution named thereon:

Awan, Iftekhar A., M.D. 0101-056500 Omaha, NE	8/19/15	Suspension based on dishonored check.
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