

The State Medical Board of Ohio

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Statutes

- Laws enacted by Ohio legislature
- Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

Rules

- Regulations developed and enacted by Medical Board
- Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)
- Rules clarify & amplify provisions in the Ohio Revised Code

The Board

The Medical Board is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine and other selected health professions.

12 members appointed by the governor to 5-year terms:

- 9 doctors: 7 MDs, 1 DO, and 1 DPM
- 3 consumer members

The board meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Rhodes Tower and livestreams the meetings on its YouTube channel.



Medical Board Members



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License Type

The Medical Board regulates nearly 100,000 licensees.

Allopathic Physicians 46,079	Anesthesiologist Assistants 399	Massage Therapists 11,308
Osteopathic Physicians 8,520	Physician Assistants 6,090	Dietitians 5,241
Podiatric Physicians 992	Radiologist Assistants 19	Acupuncturists 305
Training Certificates MD-DO-DPM 10,029	Genetic Counselors 649	Respiratory Care 9,443

DPM Licenses

Total Active Licenses					
License Type	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/22	6/30/21	6/30/20
Podiatric Physician	992	992	988	1,047	1,003

Total Licenses Issued					
License Type	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/22	6/30/21	6/30/20
Podiatric Physician	44	42	43	43	45

Data from FY24 Annual Report

Renewal Schedule

First initial of licensee's last name	Licensure expiration date	CME cycle
A-B	July 1 – odd years	7/1/2025
C-D	April 1 – odd years	4/1/2025
E-F-G	January 1 – odd years	1/1/2025
H-I-J-K	October 1 – even years	10/1/2026
L-M	July 1 – even years	7/1/2026
N-O-P-Q-R	April 1 – even years	4/1/2026
S	January 1 – even years	1/1/2026
T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z	October 1 – odd years	10/1/2025

License Reciprocity

SB 131 authorized the State Medical Board of Ohio to grant a license to holders of licenses or private certifications in other jurisdictions.

Reciprocity is available for all license types except for training certificates, limited permits and special certificates. The application fee is the same as each corresponding license type in the traditional licensure route.

Applicants will not be eligible for reciprocity if their license or certification has been surrendered or revoked due to negligence or intentional misconduct related to the profession or occupation.



Impairment

Inability to practice according to acceptable standards of care by reason of mental illness, mental disorder, or physical illness, including but not limited to physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills.

Impairment includes the inability to practice in accordance with such standards without appropriate treatment, monitoring, or supervision.

Impairment Modernization

New Application Questions

- Applicable to initial applications and renewals
- Questions will revolve around the applicant's condition (physical and mental conditions, including substance use disorder)

Impairment Modernization

Confidential Monitoring Program

The Confidential Monitoring Program provides a path for Medical Board licensees to confidentially receive treatment and support in a non-disciplinary program. The newly expanded Confidential Monitoring Program (formerly the One-bite Program) is now available to all licensees and applicants of the State Medical Board of Ohio who may have issues impacting their health and well-being. This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders (new)
- Physical conditions (new)
- Other potentially impairing illnesses (new)

Retired License Status

New ability to move license to a retired status.

- Eligibility requirements include a voluntary retirement from practice, a paid application fee, and no pending investigations or disciplinary actions.
- Retired status prohibits practice but continues the use of any title authorized for the license and allows the reactivation of the license if certain conditions are met.

The board's active license roster (published on the SMBO website) only includes the provider's public business address.

Providers should confirm they have listed the correct address in each field in their eLicense dashboard at elicense.ohio.gov.

The Medical Board will use the address in the public business address field in the active license roster.

Active License Roster



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Complaint Process



What is a complaint?

Any allegation of licensee misconduct received by the Medical Board.

The board received 7,012 complaints in FY24.

Complaints are confidential.

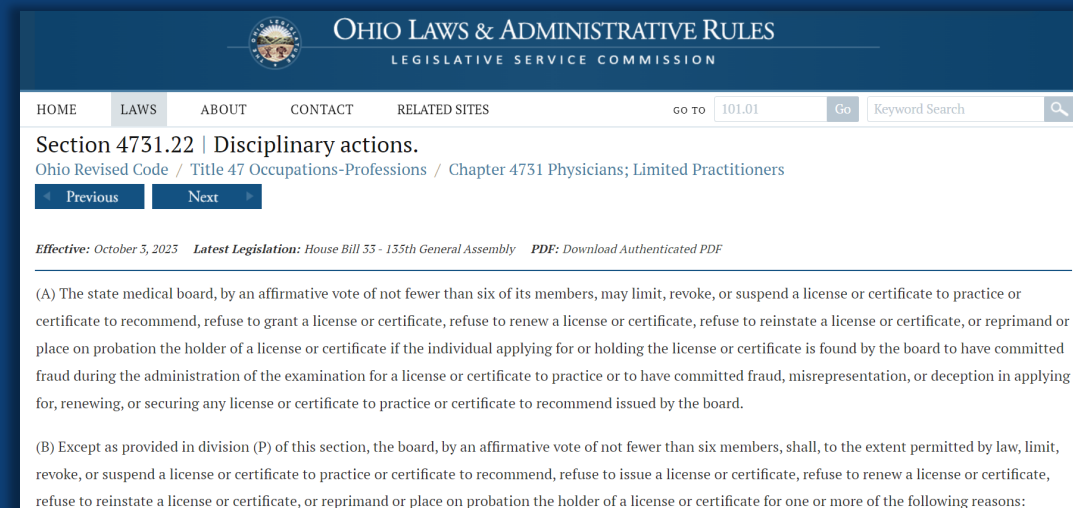
Medical Board Investigations

- Ohio law makes complaints received by the Medical Board and board investigations confidential.
- The board may only share investigative information with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, or other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating or investigating alleged violations of statutes or rules.
- Board disciplinary actions are public record – posted on med.ohio.gov and licensee profile on elicense.ohio.gov.

Disciplinary Actions

Ohio statute identifies grounds for board disciplinary action.

Board action examples:
dismissal, reprimand,
suspension, probation,
permanent revocation,
etc.



OHIO LAWS & ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

HOME LAWS ABOUT CONTACT RELATED SITES go to 101.01 Go Keyword Search

Section 4731.22 | Disciplinary actions.
Ohio Revised Code / Title 47 Occupations-Professions / Chapter 4731 Physicians; Limited Practitioners

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Effective: October 5, 2025 Latest Legislation: House Bill 33 - 155th General Assembly PDF: Download Authenticated PDF

(A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, may limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to grant a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate if the individual applying for or holding the license or certificate is found by the board to have committed fraud during the administration of the examination for a license or certificate to practice or to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for, renewing, or securing any license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend issued by the board.

(B) Except as provided in division (P) of this section, the board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to issue a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate for one or more of the following reasons:

[ORC 4731.22](#)



Grounds for Disciplinary Action

... violation of any provision of a code of ethics including the American Podiatric Medical Association

American Podiatric Medical Association, Inc. Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) and its component organizations strive to honor the public trust by setting standards for ethical practice as described in this Code of Ethics (Code). These ethical standards define professional expectations and are enforced by APMA and its component societies and/or professional licensing boards. Failure to meet these ethical standards may lead to termination of membership. All podiatric physicians have the responsibility of aspiring to these standards of conduct and ethical behavior, assuring that the best care is provided for the individuals and groups whom they serve. As members of the APMA, podiatric physicians accept and take seriously the common values and principles established within this Code. This Code applies to all aspects of the professional lives of podiatric physicians as they go about the implementation of their work within a variety of contexts as health-care providers, administrators, educators, researchers, consultants, and/or employers.

The screenshot shows the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Code of Ethics webpage. The header includes the AOA logo and navigation links for Students, Resident Physicians, Practicing Medicine, Life + Career, CME, and About Us. The main heading is "Code of Ethics". Below this, there are two columns: "About Us" with links for Proposed Policies for Comment, AOA Policy Search, Board of Trustees, and Governance Documents (Strategic Plan, AOA Rules and Guidelines on Physicians' Professional Conduct); and "ETHICAL STANDARDS" with the title "The AOA's Code of Ethics provides guidance on medical ethics and professional responsibilities". The text under this title states: "Areas of focus include interacting with patients, engaging in professional relationships and conducting research. The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Code of Ethics is a document that applies to all physicians who practice osteopathically throughout the continuum of their careers, from enrollment in osteopathic medical college/school through post graduate training and the practice of osteopathic medicine. It embodies principles that serve as a guide to the prudent physician. It seeks to transcend the economic, political, and religious biases, when dealing with patients, fellow physicians, and society. It is flexible in nature in order to permit the AOA to consider all circumstances, both anticipated and unanticipated. The physician-patient relationship and the professionalism of the physician are the basis for this document."

This block shows a partial view of a webpage with the heading "Professional self-regulation". Below the heading, there is text that is partially cut off, mentioning "onal conduct for physicians. In return, medicine is" and "ards and to address lapses in professional".

Examples of Violations



Sexual misconduct



Inappropriate
prescribing or
impairment



Criminal
actions/malpractice
events



Fraudulent
misrepresentation in
course of practice



Patient privacy



Education & Training

Standard of Care

The board considers the standard of care to be the level of care that a reasonably competent and skilled health care professional, with a similar background and type of practice would have provided under the circumstances.

Ohio Revised Code 4731.22(B) outlines the standard of care violations.

Sexual Misconduct

OAC 4731-26-01 definition:

“conduct that exploits the licensee-patient relationship in a sexual way, whether **verbal or physical**, and may include the **expression of thoughts, feelings, or gestures** that are sexual or that reasonably may be construed by a patient as sexual. Sexual misconduct includes sexual impropriety, sexual contact, or sexual interaction”

This Includes...

- Making comments that are not clinically relevant about or to the patient, including but not limited to, making sexual comments about a patient's body or underclothing, making sexualized or sexually demeaning comments to a patient, criticizing the patient's sexual orientation, or making comments about potential sexual performance
- Soliciting a date or romantic relationship with a patient
- Kissing in a romantic or sexual manner
- Offering to provide health care services, such as drugs, in exchange for sexual favors

And Any Other Behavior that is Defined in OAC 4731-26



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Duty to Report

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Licensees have a personal duty to report to the State Medical Board of Ohio when they believe an individual licensed by the Board has violated the Board's laws or rules including **sexual misconduct, impairment, practice below the minimal standards of care, and improper prescribing of controlled substances.**

Reports of misconduct to supervisors, law enforcement or health care system management do **NOT** fulfill the duty to report to the Board; failure to report could result in formal disciplinary action.

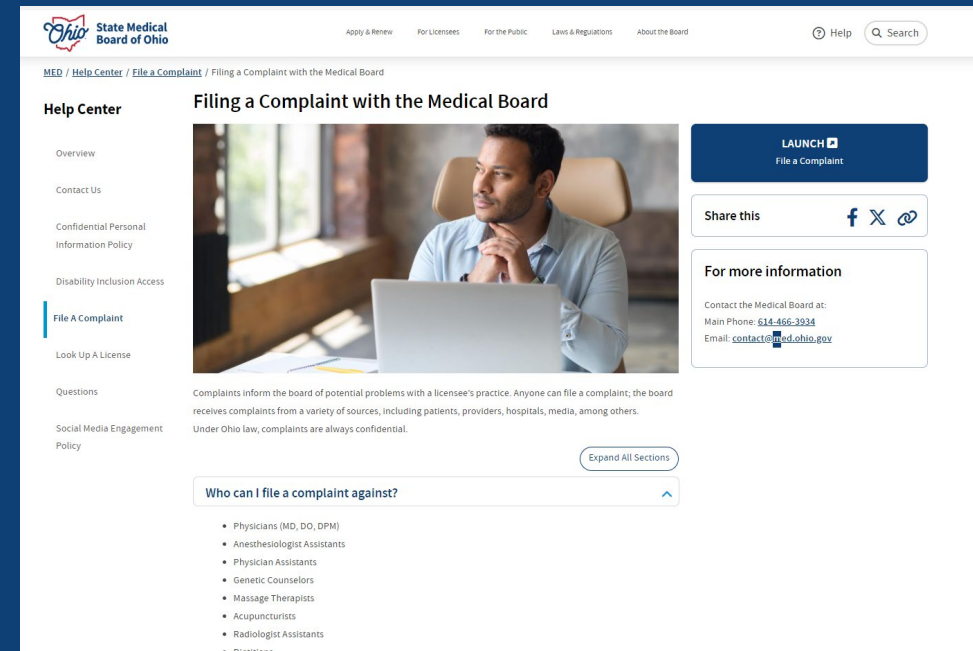


Filing a Complaint

Confidential Complaint Hotline
1-833-333-SMBO (7626)



Online Portal
med.ohio.gov



The screenshot shows the website's 'Help Center' for 'Filing a Complaint with the Medical Board'. It includes a 'LAUNCH' button to 'File a Complaint', social media sharing options, and contact information for the board. A section titled 'Who can I file a complaint against?' lists various medical professionals.

Help Center

- Overview
- Contact Us
- Confidential Personal Information Policy
- Disability Inclusion Access
- File A Complaint**
- Look Up A License
- Questions
- Social Media Engagement Policy

Filing a Complaint with the Medical Board

LAUNCH
File a Complaint

Share this [f](#) [X](#) [@](#)

For more information

Contact the Medical Board at:
Main Phone: 614-466-3334
Email: contact@med.ohio.gov

Complaints inform the board of potential problems with a licensee's practice. Anyone can file a complaint; the board receives complaints from a variety of sources, including patients, providers, hospitals, media, among others. Under Ohio law, complaints are always confidential.

Expand All Sections

Who can I file a complaint against?

- Physicians (MD, DO, DPM)
- Anesthesiologist Assistants
- Physician Assistants
- Genetic Counselors
- Massage Therapists
- Acupuncturists
- Radiologist Assistants
- Dietitians



Issuing a Valid Prescription: What Every Prescriber Needs to Know

New Limits on Prescription Opioids for Acute Pain

The New Rules for the Physicians and Physician Assistants

1. Prescribe the lowest oral dose of opioids for the shortest duration possible.
2. Prescribe the lowest strength opioid for the shortest duration possible.
3. Prescribe the lowest strength opioid for the shortest duration possible.
4. Prescribe the lowest strength opioid for the shortest duration possible.
5. Prescribe the lowest strength opioid for the shortest duration possible.

Part 2 of the Acute Prescribing Rules

Ohio's Acute Pain Opioid Prescribing Limits

Many individuals who are addicted to opioids received their first pill through a prescription

- from a valid prescription
- from a friend or family member

Tools for Educating Patients

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A podcast from the State Medical Board of Ohio

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CONFIDENTIAL MONITORING PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE CONFIDENTIAL MONITORING PROGRAM?

Effective October 1, 2023, the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO) is replacing the One-Step Program with a more comprehensive Confidential Monitoring Program that will allow more practitioners to receive confidential, non-disciplinary support. The SMBO has partnered with the Ohio Professionals Health Program (OhioPHP) to administer the new Confidential Monitoring Program.

WHO?

All SMBO licensees and applicants of the State Medical Board of Ohio who may have issues impacting their health and well-being. This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders (new)
- Physical conditions (new)
- Other potentially impairing illnesses (new)

HOW?

If you or someone you know needs support for a mental health disorder, substance use disorder or another potentially impairing condition, you can connect directly with SMBO or OhioPHP to access screenings, assessments or referrals to treatment if deemed necessary.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SMBO?

In order to provide licensees with a therapeutic alternative to discipline that still protects the public, recent legislative changes have allowed the SMBO to create the Confidential Monitoring Program in collaboration with OhioPHP. The role of the SMBO is to ensure that practitioners are safe to practice and to intervene on licensees when safe practice is no longer possible.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF OHIOPHP?

OhioPHP is a nonprofit organization that has served healthcare professionals for over 40 years. The OhioPHP team consists of highly qualified clinical professionals that can assist healthcare professionals with a variety of issues impacting their health and well-being. The role of OhioPHP is to provide care coordination for individuals that may include, screening, referrals for evaluation or treatment, and long-term disease management for chronic illnesses through therapeutic monitoring.

If you or a colleague needs help, contact OhioPHP.
 info@ohiophp.org | 614-841-9550 | ohiophp.org

Resources

med.ohio.gov



Scam Alert Reminder

Reports of spoofing and extortion scams targeting Ohio providers include:

- Calls from someone posing as Medical Board staff
- Faxes using SMBO letterhead
- Claims a provider is being investigated by the FBI or DEA and their license is suspended
- Claims a fine is owed immediately

Remember

Investigators **will not** ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and **will never** contact licensees via fax.

988: Suicide & Crisis Lifeline



988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help healthcare providers, experiencing mental health-related distress.

For more information, call 988 or visit 988lifeline.org.



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Questions?



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