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***License Renewal Reminder***

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Licensees whose last names begin with E, F and G must renew on or before January 1, 2017.

- MDs, DOs and DPMs: [click here to begin the renewal process](#)  
Internet Explorer and Safari are the preferred web browsers
- MTs and CTs: [click here to begin the renewal process](#)  
Google Chrome is the preferred web browser

(Reminder: no wallet card will be mailed to you. You are able to print proof of licensure by going to the [Public License Lookup](#) page.)

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***Medical Board Office - Holiday Closure Schedule***

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The Medical Board's offices will be closed the following dates for the holidays:

- Monday, December 26 - office reopens at 8 a.m. on December 27
- Monday, January 2 - office reopens at 8 a.m. on January 3

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***PA Supervision Agreement Renewal Deadline Update***

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Because of the migration of computer systems at the State Medical Board of Ohio, the upcoming renewal deadline for Physician Assistant Supervision Agreements will be pushed out until next winter. Rather than asking for paper applications before January and then asking for resubmission of the information electronically in eLicense, the Board is working to create an extension date for this renewal cycle. This is a change that must be made in Ohio statute and we are currently working with legislators to confirm a new date. The Board will keep licensees informed as the information and process is finalized.

**If your PA supervision agreement is set to expire January 31, 2017, you do NOT need to renew it at this time.**



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***Reporting Gabapentin Products to OARRS***

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As of December 1, 2016, the following entities are required to submit the specified dispensing, personal furnishing or wholesale sale information on all products containing gabapentin to the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS):

- All pharmacies located outside this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to outpatients residing in this state.
- All pharmacies located within this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to all outpatients.
- All wholesalers licensed as a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs that sell gabapentin at wholesale shall report those drug transactions.
- All pharmacies licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that sell gabapentin at wholesale shall report those drug transactions.
- All prescribers, except veterinarians, located within this state that personally furnish gabapentin to outpatients, including samples.
- Pharmacists are required to report it to OARRS for studying.

**Physicians and prescribers are not required to check OARRS prior to prescribing gabapentin.**

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***HealthScene Ohio – Fall Issue***

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*HealthScene Ohio*, the Medical Board's quarterly magazine, is now available. The [Fall 2016 issue](#) features:

*Breaking Through* – Army veteran finds recovery and healing with PTSD treatment

*Deep Roots, Deep Tissue* – Massage therapy has a rich history and a bright future in Ohio

*Lifelong Healing* – After seven years of abuse, Columbus woman finds peace in recovery

*Battling Human Trafficking* – Massage parlors are symptomatic of growing statewide problem