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**State Medical Board of Ohio
Report to OOA Board of Trustees
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**COVID-19 Updates for License
Renewal**

House Bill 404 extended licenses set to expire between March 9, 2020 and April 2021. Those licenses will now expire on July 1, 2021. The board encourages providers not to wait until the last minute to renew their license. Providers can view their renewal date by logging into elicense.ohio.gov

Physician Scam Alert

Providers should remain aware that a scam continues to target and affect Ohio prescribers. Scammers are calling, faxing, and emailing medical professionals claiming to be agents of the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO), agents of the DEA or agents of the FBI. These scammers claim that the professionals' medical and drug licenses have been compromised and are being used by other entities in a drug trafficking scheme. Tactics have included calling, faxing, and emailing fraudulently.

Physicians who are contacted by a scammer should report the incident to local law enforcement and the Ohio Attorney General by filing a complaint online at ohioprotects.org or by calling 800-282-0515.

Medical Reserve Corps

The Ohio Department of Health is seeking licensed health care professionals to enroll in the Medical Reserve Corps and help administer the COVID-19 vaccine in Ohio communities. Visit ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov

**New Rules
Effective December 31, 2020**

[Military rules](#) for all license types.

**Temporary Relaxation of
Physician Assistant
Supervision**

Senate Bill 310 made the following allowances until May 1, 2021.

- Physician assistants (PA) that are employed by or under contract with a hospital or other health care facility, may
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practice under the direction, control, and supervision of any physician or podiatrist in that setting regardless of whether they have a supervision agreement with that physician or podiatrist.

- These PAs may perform services within their scope of practice, if authorized by the physician or podiatrist and the hospital or health care facility, regardless of if those services are authorized in any existing supervision agreement to which they are a party.
- Physicians and podiatrists practicing in a hospital or other health care facility, may (1) supervise a PA (employed by or under contract with a hospital or other health care facility) that they do not have a supervision agreement with and (2) authorize that PA to perform services that are within their scope of practice if those services are also authorized by the hospital or health care facility.

Ohio Department of Health Pandemic Resources

- Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry [FAQs](#)
- Ohio Responds Registry username or password [assistance](#)
- [Contact](#) an Ohio Responds program administrator
- Send provider questions about the Ohio Responds program to Renee.dickman@odh.ohio.gov
- Find COVID-19 vaccine [provider locations](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider [FAQs](#)
- Vaccination program [information](#)
- Communications [toolkit](#) (talking points, language tips, social media language and trusted resources)
- [Pandemic Vaccine Provider Resource Page](#) (vaccine training, storage, handling and reporting and other COVID-19 vaccine specific information)
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement [FAQs](#) for Health Providers
- [Vaccine protocols](#)

Fall/Winter 2020 Magazine Issue



The board published the latest issue of the Health News Ohio Magazine including a legislative update, an interview with provider in a rural community, and a medical student's perspective. Health News Ohio is available at med.ohio.gov, under the Publications tab.