



MONTANA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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News and Views

Read the latest news and find out about the most recent state regulatory changes for your occupation in the Board of Medical Examiners eNewsletter *News and Views*. Here are the Board's picks for important news.

Health Corps created to help low income

Retired physicians will soon be able to register to participate in the Montana Health Corps. The Montana Health Corps Act (HB 578) was passed during the 2009 legislation session. It brings health care to the homes of individuals who are unable to drive to a health care provider's office and are eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. HB 578 also provided immunity from liability for participating doctors. The Board's administrative rule proposal notice can be found in Issue 18 of the Montana Administrative Register at www.mtrules.org which was published on September 24. Watch for more information on the registration process on the Board's website at www.medicalboard.mt.gov.

Find help with terminating a patient relationship

The Board of Medical Examiners has adopted a position paper to assist physicians who make the difficult decision to terminate a patient relationship. *Terminating a Patient Relationship*, is available online at: http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/med_board/pdf/termination_of_patient.pdf.

Assistance available for impaired licensees

If you find yourself struggling with a substance abuse, mental illness or a chronic physical illness, the [Montana Professional Assistance Program \(MPAP\)](#) stands ready to assist you. The Board contracts with MPAP to help licensees heal and get back to practicing in your profession with reasonable skill and safety. All contacts between healthcare professionals, MPAP and the Board are confidential. For more information, contact MPAP at 406/245-4300 or by email at mpap@mt.net.

Online renewals

The renewal process for acupuncturists, nutritionists, physician assistants and podiatrists with license end dates of 2009 wrapped up on October 31. Wonder when your license expires? You can easily search for your information on LicenseLookup.mt.gov. Miss the deadline? Please contact the Board Office to get a renewal form.

EMT added to Board

Ryan Burke was appointed as the first volunteer EMT to the Board on October 8. The Board grew to twelve members when it gained a volunteer EMT member during the 2009 legislative session. Ryan was appointed for a four year term by Governor Schweitzer along with other Board members Pat Bollinger, Linda Cetrone Levy, Carole Erickson, Dr. Kristin Spanjian, and Dwight Thompson.

Board website offers RSS News Feed

Up to date licensing and regulatory information is now available through a RSS news feed. Use this link to incorporate into your preferred RSS reader: http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/med_board/rss/med.xml

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2009 Board meeting

November 20

2010 Board meetings

January 22 March 19
May 21 July 23
September 17 November 19

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