



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.

Board Welcomes New Members and Bids a Farewell

Joining the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME) in October were Bruce Hayward, DO of McAllister and Nathan Thomas, DPM of Missoula. Serving as the Doctor of Osteopathy, Dr. Hayward is presently a Rural Outreach Physician with St. Patrick Hospital providing coverage to various emergency departments and clinics. He previously served as the President of the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Nathan Thomas is a practicing podiatrist in Missoula. He is the owner of the Advanced Foot and Ankle Center and a staff podiatrist at the Wound Care Center at St. Patrick Hospital. Dr. Thomas has served as President of the Montana Podiatric Medical Association and is currently a Continuing Education Board member. Anna Earl, MD of Chester was also reappointed to a second 4 year term. Dr. Earl currently serves as the Board's Vice President. The board is grateful for the dedicated service of Michael LaPan, DPM who retired from the Board. Dr. LaPan was a board member for over eight years serving on many committees and holding several leadership positions.

BOME Seeks EMS State Medical Director

The board is seeking a dynamic physician to lead a statewide effort designed to coordinate emergency care and out-of-hospital services. The EMS State Medical Director will support local EMS medical directors by providing training and technical assistance. The Medical Director will also contribute to the overall success of the BOME by providing both consultation services to the board in the area of EMS and administrative services to assist the board in meeting the obligation to provide needed medical direction to EMT Basics with no medical director.

The position is part time (up to ¾ time) and will require statewide travel. Candidate must have experience in practicing emergency medicine and providing off-line medical direction of basic and advanced EMTs. Applications are due November 30, 2010. For additional details and application materials, click [here](#). Contact [Jean Branscum](#), Executive Director, if you have further questions.

Regulatory Changes

The Board of Medical Examiners will adopt the new administrative rules as proposed in [MAR Notice 24-156-74](#). The rule changes define qualification criteria for those evaluation and treatment providers who would like to receive referrals by the [professional assistance program](#). The new rules are anticipated to become effective by the end of the year.

Inactive License? Don't Write Prescriptions

Physicians who hold an inactive license or inactive - retired license are reminded to not write prescriptions. During the September board meeting, board members affirmed that writing prescriptions is the practice of medicine and requires that a physician hold an active license. A physician, who now holds an inactive license and wants to practice medicine and write prescriptions, may request a change to an active license by contacting the [board](#) office, paying the required fee, and providing a work history for the previous two years. A physician with an inactive - retired license would need to [apply](#) for an active license.

Late Renewals

The online renewal process for acupuncturists, nutritionists, physician assistants and podiatrists with license end dates of October 31, 2010 is now open for late renewals. Licensees who did not renew their license by the October deadline can still do so [online](#) and will be required to pay a late fee.

Join us at a Board meeting!
[agenda information](#)

2010 Board meetings
Laws and Rules Committee, November 10
Full Board, November 19

2011 Full Board meetings
January 21
March 18

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