



OPP Board News and Notes
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State Board Of Orthotics, Prosthetics, & Pedorthics

OPP “All Online Processing” Go Live Date Pushed

Although the basic structure and design looks promising and offers a number of enhancements to our current processing capabilities and protocols, a determination was made after rigorous testing that the OPP “build” was not quite ready for prime time. Two of the seven licensing boards that were slated to introduce the system to their constituencies this month are going forward; the developers will continue to work with agency staff to put the design to better effect for OPP and the others, with a new projection for the roll-out anticipated in September.

Board Rejects New Renewal Fee Increase, Restrictions on LPO Issuance

While recognizing a gap still exists between annual revenue and expense obligations, the State Board of OPP nonetheless rejected at the April meeting proposed new rule language to “enhance” revenue by limiting opportunities for dual-profession practitioners to obtain a combined credential. The Board did approve language changes for the fee rule (OAC 4779-12-01) that would allow the Board to consider setting the renewal fee for a combined LPO credential at double the cost of a single-profession ticket. However, discussion made clear that Board consensus is to not consider a further fee increase before the December 2016 meeting. Since policy and rule language requires new fees to be posted to the website at least 60 days before being formally considered for implementation by the Board, any such increase is effectively delayed at least until Fiscal Year 2018 and the renewals due 01/31/2018.

One Rule Set Final Filed; Four More Rules to Review

The Board approved “final filing” of the rule package that was subject to public hearing on May 3, 2016, as well as approving four current rules for amendment. The Board’s stakeholders are invited and encouraged to make concerns and suggestions known. Please review the information at the [Rules Pending Review tab](#) on the website and offer your input and expertise as the Board seeks to keep its rule language clear, accurate and up-to-date.

AVOID CE COMPLIANCE PROBLEMS BY INCORPORATING CE LEARNING

INTO YOUR ANNUAL PRACTICE PROTOCOLS

Although national credentialing bodies in O&P allow certified individuals to gain mandatory Continuing Education over a 5-year time span, the state of Ohio accounting presently runs on a 3-year cycle. To stay compliant with both state and national credentialing partners, ***the State Board of Orthotics Prosthetics and Pedorthics urges its licensees to think of CE as an annual requirement:***

- ✓ 25 units per year for an LPO or dual-licensed LO/LP
- ✓ 15 units per year for an LO or LP
- ✓ 11 units per year for an LPED

Chiropractic Scope of Practice Bill Advances

[HB276](#) was introduced by [Rep. Kirk Schuring](#), and seeks to allow Chiropractors to engage in a wide range of health care practices including, according to the original bill language, offering any item that could be captured under the description of “durable and nondurable medical goods and devices.” The Board submitted written testimony on 04/13/2016 suggesting the exclusion of custom fitted or fabricated orthotic and prosthetic devices. Although our suggested language was not incorporated in the substitute bill version which passed the House, the Sponsor indicated he would work with the Association to amend in the Senate.

Pending Legislation Would Require a Two-Year License Effective/Renewal Period

[HB 213](#), introduced by [Rep. Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.](#) (Eastern Hamilton County) seeks to require most if not all license-issuing agencies that administer a license valid for only one year to adopt a two-year renewal cycle. The legislative intent is to reduce the administrative burden on agencies and thus reducing costs to the state, as well as freeing licensees from the redundant and repetitive annual process.

Rep. Brinkman engaged in early outreach with agencies that would be affected, and the Board offered technical information to his office to help inform the legislation that has been introduced. The bill has been assigned to the [House Commerce and Labor Committee](#). First hearing with Sponsor’s testimony was conducted on June 23, 2015. Director Levy offered testimony to the Committee at hearing on November 17, 2015, noting that “Without modification [of the bill text], CE accountability for these healthcare professionals would occur only every six (6) years.” Levy suggested that if 2-year renewals are implemented, CE reporting should be required with every renewal, and the Board should be accorded the authority to set CE requirements and standards by rule to assure they can be kept in alignment with the requirements of national credentialing organizations.

Bill Would Allow Broad Claim of Alternative Health Care Practice Defense

[SB194](#) has been introduced as the latest in a long-running legislative effort to authorize various loosely defined “alternative health care” practices and to shield those that claim to offer same from being cited for unlicensed practice. Among other provisions, bill language provides that “Complimentary or alternative health care services’ includes but is not limited to ... non-invasive instrumentalities.”

A coalition of organizations representing allied healthcare professions – mostly associations but including some licensing boards – has formed to organize opposition to the measure. Concerned practitioners should contact their state [Representatives](#) and [Senators](#) and a [association staff](#).

Represent!

Terms of service on the Board are for three years and an initial term is subject to re-appointment at the discretion of the Governor. Appointment authority is vested in the Governor, and the Governor's office is interested in the active involvement of stakeholders and professional associations in forwarding candidates for consideration. Active, informed and committed-to-service licensees are encouraged to consider the leadership opportunity. Contact the office for further information, or just see and submit the application (we appreciate being notified of your submission, but that's not a requirement):

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application.pdf>

Current Board Members and their terms are:

<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
<u>Brian M. Weaver, LPO</u>	<u>Tamara A. Daulton, LPED</u>
<u>Grove City, Ohio</u>	<u>Batavia, Ohio</u>
<u>(first term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2018</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2018</u>
<u>MD – DO - DPM (VACANT)</u>	<u>Jeffrey Hagman, LP</u>
	<u>Warrensville Heights, Ohio</u>
<u>(first term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2018</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2016</u>
<u>Jason Macedonia, LPO</u>	<u>VACANT (Practitioner LO or LPO)</u>
<u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	
<u>(second term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2017</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2017</u>
<u>VACANT (consumer)</u>	* Members serve for up to 60 days past the term expiration date when no new appointment has been made.
<u>(first term)</u>	
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