



## Summary of Actions Taken State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Board Meeting of December 7, 2011

This summary of Board actions and related items reflects information reported to and/or discussed by the Board at its December 2011 meeting. Please be aware that some of this information is based on meeting minutes not yet approved by the Board. [Approved Board meeting minutes](#) constitute the formal record of Board actions. Please [contact the Board office](#) (Board Director) for further information regarding any item of particular interest to you.

**LICENSING** - [for online real-time license status verification, click to: [License Verification](#)]

The following **new license actions were approved** and/or reported:

<b>NEW LICENSE ACTIONS</b>	
Mark A. Graham	LO.302 - TEMP
Scott R. Schall	LP.296
Alexander Albury (adding orthotics)	LPO.239
Mark D. Clary	LPO.238 - TEMP
Sarah A. Carlson	LPED.212
Ronald G. Verrilla	LPED.213 – TEMP (w/ probation)

<b>UPGRADES REPORTED</b>	
SHAW, Thomas	LPED. 210
SMITH, Rhonda	LPED. 206



### → **CITATION SETTLED**

A Consent Agreement with **Ronald G. Verrilla**, recording a Reprimand and providing for issuance of a Temporary License in Pedorthics under Probationary terms, including a regimen of Continuing Education, was accepted to settle the charge of application misrepresentation set forth in a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued in September 2011. Mr. Verrilla admits to "failure to accurately answer three questions concerning his formal history as a licensed professional." The agreement establishes specific requirements which must be met before Mr. Verrilla may apply for a full license in Pedorthics.

### → **ONLINE RENEWAL UP AND RUNNING**

Renewal letters were mailed out at the end of November, and online renewal is "live" for December 2011 and January 2012. Full practitioner licenses expire January 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year and must be renewed timely to avoid a late fee penalty. Licensees should make sure that they locate and save renewal notification letters, as they contain login information essential to the online renewal process.

### → **LICENSE NUMBERS, WEBSITE LOOK-UP, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORTING**

**A Note Regarding our Note Regarding License Numbers:** We indicated at the end of the renewal letter with login information that "Those who need to report OPPCE accrual during this renewal cycle will see a dash and the number two ("-2") following the standard license number."

→ Please note that the "dash 2" will appear on the [website license look-up](#), but may not be printed with credential information on renewal letters. It is a designation that is keyed into the licensing database, and which "calls up" the correct renewal Q&A for licensees in OPPCE reporting status.

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THIS DOES NOT DENOTE A CHANGE IN LICENSE NUMBER FOR CREDENTIALING PURPOSES. It is an administrative "tag" for better tracking of OPPCE reporting cycles. After this renewal processing cycle is over, we will add a "-3" to the license numbers of those who report next year, and may add a "-1" to the license numbers of those who reported last year. However, a new licensing database is in procurement stages with the state, so it is unclear at this time whether we will utilize the additional designation for the third group.



## → INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

**ODJFS/Medicaid/MITS:** The Board considered correspondence exchanged which documents administrative problems with the new ODJFS/Medicaid electronic claims submission system, acronym MITS. It was reported that problems seem to exist across all professions: claims are backed up; system does not seem to support features that are indicated to be included; unexpected limitations on data entry; inability to associate documents with claims; lack of consistency in protocol advice from customer service representatives. Although the Board has no clear jurisdictional purview over these matters, it was the sense of the Board that it is appropriate for the Board office to act as a conduit for well-presented information from constituent licensees to appropriate administrators at ODJFS/Office of Medicaid, emphasizing the Board's partnership with ODJFS to appropriately define reimbursement policies and limit overutilization.

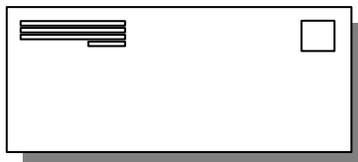
**ODJFS/Medicaid/Diabetic Therapeutic Shoe Reimbursement Rule:** A proposed new draft rule to govern ODJFS/Medicaid reimbursement of these items had been provided for advance review and feedback. It was noted that the language largely or entirely "piggybacks" on CMS requirements; however, it was also noted that the rule proposes a separate, apparently additional requirement for an ODJFS-specific Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN), which appears to be entirely redundant of the CMN required by CMS. Proposed rule language available for review at this time does not indicate that the ODJFS CMN is only required for Medicaid recipients who are not beneficiaries of Medicare or another third-party payer. After discussion, it was the sense of the Board that the Director communicate with ODJFS to point out that this additional documentation requirement does not appear to be in keeping with the principles of the Common Sense Initiative (see below), and to urge limitation or elimination of the extra paperwork wherever possible.



## → ARE YOU A STAKEHOLDER?

The Common Sense Initiative (CSI), enacted into law as Ohio Senate Bill 2 this year, provides for a rule research and review process that must be conducted by an agency seeking to enact, amend or rescind regulatory language prior to and in addition to [the existing rule promulgation and review process](#) that has governed agencies for over ten years. With leadership from the office of Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, the intent of the act is to assure agencies seek input from stakeholders, building on the current more passive system in which agencies must have a mechanism in place to inform stakeholders of their intended action and allow for input and feedback. Agency rule writers must document their efforts, consider any adverse impact to business that may result from the regulation, and seek to minimize or mitigate such adverse impact where possible before the rule process is fully engaged.

This agency since 2002 has maintained an email list of stakeholders who have requested to be informed about regulatory proposals and updates. To be added to that list, send an email with subject line "Stakeholder," to the office email address: [bopp@exchange.state.oh.us](mailto:bopp@exchange.state.oh.us).



→ **BOARD SERVICE – THREE “SEATS” SCHEDULED FOR APPOINTMENT OR RE-APPOINTMENT DECEMBER 2011; THREE MEMBERS “TIME OUT” IN DECEMBER 2012**

Members of the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics are appointed by the Governor for terms lasting three years; term origination/expiration dates land on December 6<sup>th</sup> of each year at issue.

As this news update is being prepared, two Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Practitioner seats and the Consumer Member’s spot are up for re-appointment or new appointment. A member can serve two consecutive 3-year terms, but the Governor is not required to re-appoint an incumbent.

In December 2012, three seats must be filled by new appointments, as incumbents are mid-way through their second consecutive terms of service: one Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Practitioner seat; the Pedorthic Practitioner seat; and the “Doctor” seat (M.D., D.O., or D.P.M.). Board members are reimbursed for mileage and parking for Board business, but are otherwise not financially compensated. Anyone interested in serving must apply directly with the Governor’s office. [Click here](#). The Board office would appreciate receiving a courtesy copy of any application submitted.

→ **OPPCE REPORTING CYCLE REMINDER**

An Ohio OPP licensee must confirm, subject to verification, accrual of a minimum amount of approved Continuing Education credits at every third license renewal. Most national credentialing organizations that certify practitioners in these fields have a 5-year CE accrual window. The Board thus urges OPP licensees to think of their OPPCE obligation in terms of a yearly “rate” based on the Ohio 3-year rule. Such a protocol assures current competence in the field and compliance with the Ohio requirement when the targeted renewal rolls around, as well as national credential renewal “security.”

3-year accrual requirements and the corresponding annual “rates” are as follows:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>3-year total minimum</u>	<u>Annualized Rate</u>
Pedorthics	LPED	33	11
Orthotics or Prosthetics	LO or LP	45	15
Orthotics AND Prosthetics	LPO, or LO & LP	75	25

✓ Please note: [OPPCE minimum requirements are set by statute](#) and are not subject to modification by the Board. No OPPCE requirement attaches to a Temporary license.

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<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4779.20> (ORC Sec. 4779.20 – License Renewal and OPPCE requirements)

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