

State Medical Board of Ohio Update

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Statutes

- Laws enacted by Ohio legislature
- Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

Rules

- Regulations developed and enacted by Medical Board
- Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)
- Rules clarify & amplify provisions in the Ohio Revised Code

The Board

The Medical Board is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine and other selected health professions.

12 members appointed by the governor to 5-year terms:

- 9 doctors: 7 MDs, 1 DO, and 1 DPM
- 3 consumer members

The board meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Rhodes Tower and livestreams the meetings on its YouTube channel.



Medical Board Members



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Board of Ohio



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License Type

The Medical Board regulates more than 103,000 licensees.

Allopathic Physicians 46,566	Anesthesiologist Assistants 447	Massage Therapists 11,319
Osteopathic Physicians 8,876	Physician Assistants 6,681	Dietitians 5,286
Podiatric Physicians 988	Radiologist Assistants 23	Acupuncturists 316
Training Certificates MD-DO-DPM 9,928	Genetic Counselors 694	Respiratory Care 8,984

June 30, 2025

DPM Licenses

Total Active Licenses					
License Type	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/22	6/30/21
Podiatric Physician	988	992	992	988	1,047

Total Licenses Issued					
License Type	6/30/25	6/30/24	6/30/23	6/30/22	6/30/21
Podiatric Physician	48	44	42	43	43

Data from FY25 Annual Report

Renewal Schedule

First initial of licensee's last name	Licensure expiration date	CME cycle
A-B	July 1 – odd years	7/1/2027
C-D	April 1 – odd years	4/1/2027
E-F-G	January 1 – odd years	1/1/2027
H-I-J-K	October 1 – even years	10/1/2026
L-M	July 1 – even years	7/1/2026
N-O-P-Q-R	April 1 – even years	4/1/2026
S	January 1 – even years	1/1/2026
T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z	October 1 – odd years	10/1/2027

Impairment

Inability to practice according to acceptable standards of care by reason of mental illness, mental disorder, or physical illness, including but not limited to physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills.

Impairment includes the inability to practice in accordance with such standards without appropriate treatment, monitoring, or supervision.



Confidential Monitoring Program

The Confidential Monitoring Program (CMP) provides a path for Medical Board licensees to confidentially receive treatment and support in a non-disciplinary program. The Confidential Monitoring Program is available to all licensees and applicants of the State Medical Board of Ohio who may have issues impacting their health and well-being. This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders
- Physical conditions
- Other potentially impairing illnesses





New Provider Wellness Page

Find wellness information and resources for mental health, stress/burnout, physical conditions, overall well-being, etc.



Complaint Process



What is a complaint?

Any allegation of licensee misconduct received by the Medical Board.

The board received 6,270 complaints in FY25.

Complaints are confidential.

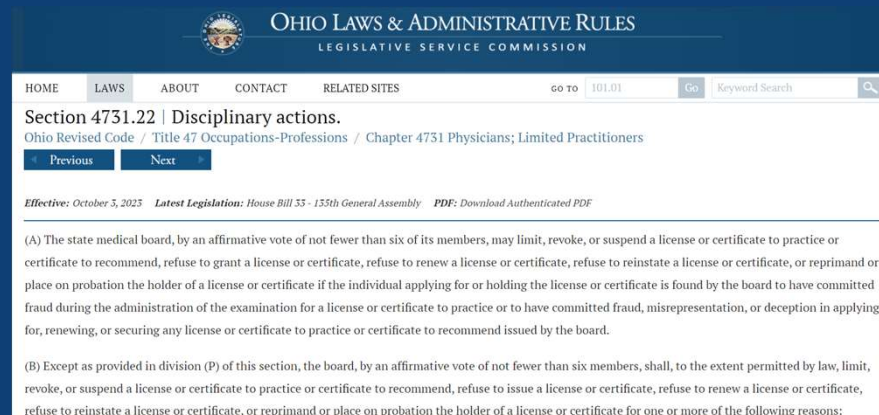
Medical Board Investigations

- Ohio law makes complaints received by the Medical Board and board investigations confidential.
- The board may only share investigative information with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, or other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating or investigating alleged violations of statutes or rules.
- Board disciplinary actions are public record – posted on med.ohio.gov and licensee profile on elicense.ohio.gov.

Disciplinary Actions

Ohio statute identifies grounds for board disciplinary action.

Board action examples:
dismissal, reprimand,
suspension, probation,
permanent revocation,
etc.



OHIO LAWS & ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Section 4731.22 | Disciplinary actions.
Ohio Revised Code / Title 47 Occupations-Professions / Chapter 4731 Physicians; Limited Practitioners

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Effective: October 5, 2025 Latest Legislation: House Bill 35 - 135th General Assembly PDF: Download Authenticated PDF

(A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, may limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to grant a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate if the individual applying for or holding the license or certificate is found by the board to have committed fraud during the administration of the examination for a license or certificate to practice or to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for, renewing, or securing any license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend issued by the board.

(B) Except as provided in division (P) of this section, the board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to issue a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate for one or more of the following reasons:

[ORC 4731.22](#)

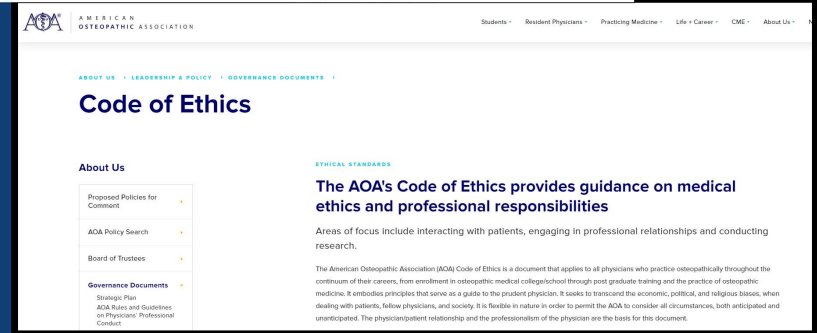
Grounds for Disciplinary Action

... violation of any provision of a code of ethics including the American Podiatric Medical Association

American Podiatric Medical Association, Inc. Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) and its component organizations strive to honor the public trust by setting standards for ethical practice as described in this Code of Ethics (Code). These ethical standards define professional expectations and are enforced by APMA and its component societies and/or professional licensing boards. Failure to meet these ethical standards may lead to termination of membership. All podiatric physicians have the responsibility of aspiring to these standards of conduct and ethical behavior, assuring that the best care is provided for the individuals and groups whom they serve. As members of the APMA, podiatric physicians accept and take seriously the common values and principles established within this Code. This Code applies to all aspects of the professional lives of podiatric physicians as they go about the implementation of their work within a variety of contexts as health-care providers, administrators, educators, researchers, consultants, and/or employers.



The screenshot shows the AOA Code of Ethics webpage. The main heading is "Code of Ethics". Under "About Us", there are links for "Proposed Policies for Comment", "AOA Policy Search", and "Board of Trustees". Under "Governance Documents", there is a link for "Strategic Plan: AOA Rules and Guidelines on Physicians' Professional Conduct". The "ETHICAL STANDARDS" section is titled "The AOA's Code of Ethics provides guidance on medical ethics and professional responsibilities". It states that areas of focus include interacting with patients, engaging in professional relationships, and conducting research. A paragraph below explains that the AOA Code of Ethics is a document that applies to all physicians who practice osteopathically throughout the continuum of their careers, from enrollment in osteopathic medical college/school through post-graduate training and the practice of osteopathic medicine. It embodies principles that serve as a guide to the prudent physician, seeks to transcend the economic, political, and religious biases, when dealing with patients, fellow physicians, and society. It is flexible in nature in order to permit the AOA to consider all circumstances, both anticipated and unanticipated. The physician/patient relationship and the professionalism of the physician are the basis for this document.

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Examples of Violations



Sexual misconduct



Inappropriate
prescribing or
impairment



Criminal
actions/malpractice
events



Fraudulent
misrepresentation in
course of practice



Patient privacy



Education & Training

Sexual Misconduct

OAC 4731-26-01 definition:

“conduct that exploits the licensee-patient relationship in a sexual way, whether **verbal or physical**, and may include the **expression of thoughts, feelings, or gestures** that are sexual or that reasonably may be construed by a patient as sexual. Sexual misconduct includes sexual impropriety, sexual contact, or sexual interaction”

This Includes...

- Making comments that are not clinically relevant about or to the patient, including but not limited to, making sexual comments about a patient's body or underclothing, making sexualized or sexually demeaning comments to a patient, criticizing the patient's sexual orientation, or making comments about potential sexual performance
- Soliciting a date or romantic relationship with a patient
- Kissing in a romantic or sexual manner
- Offering to provide health care services, such as drugs, in exchange for sexual favors

And Any Other Behavior that is Defined in OAC 4731-26

Senate Bill 109



In December 2024, Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 109 into law, significantly strengthening the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio to hold sexually abusive medical professionals accountable.

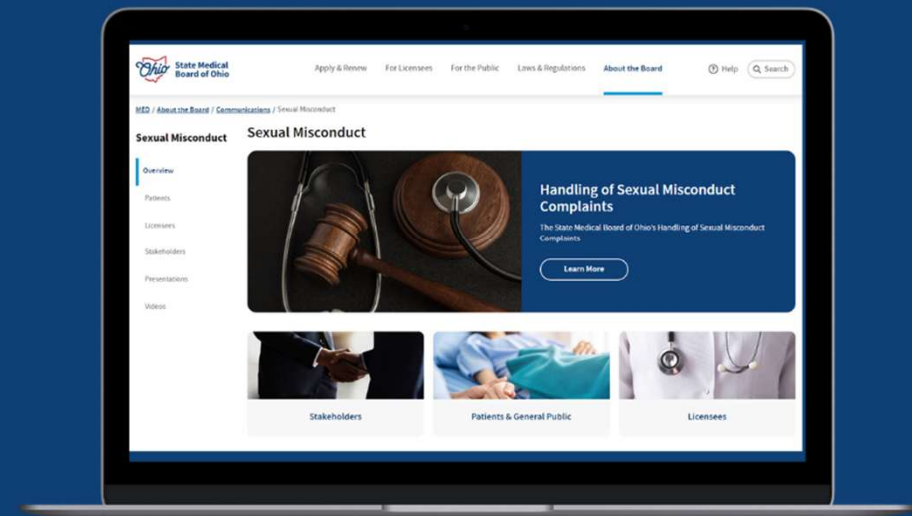
- Made changes to the criminal code
- Increased reporting requirements
- Authorized another use of summary suspension
- Provided additional transparency

Sexual Misconduct page

The Medical Board launched a resource page to help complainants navigate sexual misconduct issues. Visitors will find resources for stakeholders, patients, the general public, and licensees.

These resources include:

- Presentations
- Videos
- Sexual Misconduct Data
- Human Trafficking information



Senate Bill 109

Available Resources

- Sexual Misconduct page
- Licensee eBlast
- Educational Video
- Frequently Asked Questions

Licensees



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The Medical Board defines sexual misconduct in [OAC 4731-26-01](#) as that which exploits the licensee-patient relationship in a sexual way, whether verbal or physical, and may include the expression of thoughts, feelings, or gestures that are sexual or that reasonably may be construed by a patient as sexual. It includes sexual

Retail IV Therapy Clinics

The Medical Board, Ohio Board of Pharmacy and Ohio Board of Nursing released a joint statement in May 2025 highlighting critical patient safety concerns and regulatory compliance, including:

- Unlicensed/unqualified providers
- Inappropriate conditions for drugs
- Proper diagnosis
- Generic administration of drugs
- Standard of care

**JOINT REGULATORY STATEMENT OF THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO,
OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND OHIO BOARD OF NURSING REGARDING
RETAIL IV THERAPY CLINICS**

Date issued: 5/15/2025

This statement highlights existing law and is intended for the benefit of practitioners and the public to promote better understanding of the laws governing the practice of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy.

Introduction

As with the rest of the country, the number of retail IV therapy clinics is increasing in Ohio. Many of the clinics are adopting business and/or practice models without realizing the selection, prescribing, preparation, and administration of IV therapy constitutes the practice of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. Because of the concern over the proliferation of retail IV therapy clinics, the lack of any industry-specific guidelines, and the potential harm to the citizens of this state, the State Medical Board of Ohio, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, and the Ohio Board of Nursing (collectively the "Boards") have issued this joint regulatory statement. This regulatory statement is based upon existing Ohio laws and rules governing the scope and standards of care and compounding of drugs that are performed by individuals within these clinics.

Description of Current Practices at Retail IV Therapy Clinics

A retail IV therapy clinic offers the administration of IV fluids through drip IV infusion tubing into a patient's vein. The type or composition of the IV fluids is selected from a menu of pre-selected mixtures ("cocktails") or additives to basic saline. Some common examples include amino acids, vitamin C and vitamin B complex, Myers' Cocktail (magnesium, calcium, vitamin B complex, and vitamin C), Toradol (ketorolac), famotidine, and ondansetron. The cocktails are often offered to patients for the treatment of conditions such as dehydration, migraine relief, hangover recovery, nausea, athletic recovery, appetite regulation, and inflammation support.

Duty to Report

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Licensees have a personal duty to report to the State Medical Board of Ohio when they believe an individual licensed by the Board has violated the Board's laws or rules including **sexual misconduct, impairment, practice below the minimal standards of care, and improper prescribing of controlled substances.**

Reports of misconduct to supervisors, law enforcement or health care system management do **NOT** fulfill the duty to report to the Board; failure to report could result in formal disciplinary action.



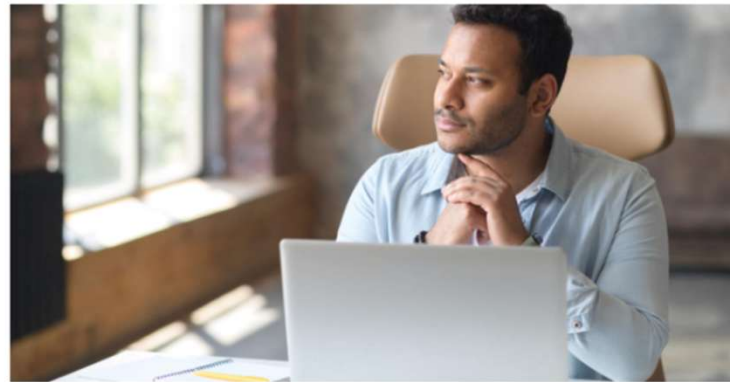
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Online Portal
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Filing a Complaint with the Medical Board



Complaints inform the board of potential problems with a licensee's practice. Anyone can file a complaint; the board receives complaints from a variety of sources, including patients, providers, hospitals, media, among others. Under Ohio law, complaints are always confidential.

[Expand All Sections](#)

Who can I file a complaint against?

- Physicians (MD, DO, DPM)
- Anesthesiologist Assistants
- Physician Assistants
- Genetic Counselors
- Massage Therapists
- Acupuncturists
- Radiologist Assistants

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For more information

Contact the Medical Board at:
 Main Phone: [614-466-3934](tel:614-466-3934)
 Email: contact@med.ohio.gov



Issuing a Valid Prescription: What Every Prescriber Needs to Know

New Limits on Prescription Opioids for Acute Pain

The New Rules for the Prescription and Dispensing Network

How to Issue a Valid Prescription

Ohio's Acute Pain Opioid Prescribing Limits

Many individuals who are addicted to opioids received their first pill through a prescription

from a valid prescription from a friend or family member

Med Board Pulse

A podcast from the State Medical Board of Ohio

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CONFIDENTIAL MONITORING PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE CONFIDENTIAL MONITORING PROGRAM?

Effective October of 2021, the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBDO) is launching the Ohio Ohio Program with a new Confidential Monitoring Program that will allow more practitioners to receive confidential, non-disciplinary support. The SMBDO has partnered with the Ohio Professional Health Program (OHPHP) to administer the new Confidential Monitoring Program.

WHO?

All SMBDO licensees and applicants of the State Medical Board of Ohio who may have issues impacting their health and well-being. This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders (past)
- Physical substance abuse
- Other potentially impairing illnesses (past)

HOW?

If you or someone you know needs support for a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, or another disability (including conditions you can't connect directly with SMBDO or OHPHP) to access screenings, assessments or referrals to treatment if deemed necessary.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SMBDO?

In order to provide support with a therapeutic alternative to discipline that still protects the public, recent legislative changes have allowed the SMBDO to create the Confidential Monitoring Program in collaboration with OHPHP. The role of the SMBDO is to ensure that practitioners are safe to practice and to intervene on licensees when such practice is no longer possible.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF OHPHP?

OHPHP is a nonprofit organization that has trained healthcare professionals for over 40 years. The OHPHP team consists of highly qualified clinical professionals that can assist healthcare professionals with a variety of issues impacting their health and well-being. The role of OHPHP is to provide care coordination for individuals that may include screening, referrals for medication or treatment, and long-term disease management for chronic illnesses through therapeutic monitoring.

If you or a colleague needs help, contact OHPHP at info@ohphp.org, 614-641-9999 or [ohphp.org](https://www.ohphp.org)

Resources

med.ohio.gov



Scam Alert Reminder

Reports of spoofing and extortion scams targeting Ohio providers include:

- Calls from someone posing as Medical Board staff
- Faxes using SMBO letterhead
- Claims a provider is being investigated by the FBI or DEA and their license is suspended
- Claims a fine is owed immediately

Remember

Investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax.

Questions?



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