

For example: If your license expires January 31, you have until April 1 to pay your renewal fee. If you do not renew by April 1, the end of the 60-day grace period, your license is considered lapsed as of January 31. **Please note that when your license lapses, you can no longer practice your profession, nor can you identify yourself as a licensed individual.**

If you have not completed your CME requirements by your license renewal date, you are allowed to use this grace period to complete those credits. Do not submit your renewal prior to completing your CME but do not exceed the 60-day period.

Continuing Medical Education Waivers

The Board of Medicine may waive the continuing medical education requirements for a license renewal if the failure of the licensee was due to the licensee's disability, military service, absence from the continental United States, or a circumstance beyond the control of the licensee which the board considers sufficient.

To request a waiver, a written request must be submitted by mail to Bureau of Professional Licensing, Attn: Board of Medicine, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909, or by email to BPLHelp@michigan.gov and will need to include supporting documentation for the reason for the waiver. A waiver cannot be requested after an application for renewal has been submitted. The Board cannot prospectively waive continuing education requirements.

Renewing Your License

Physicians will be sent a renewal notification to both your mailing and email address on record approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of your license. You will not be able to renew before that time. Remember to notify LARA of any address change by submitting a MiPLUS modification. **LARA states that it is the providers responsibility as a licensed health professional to renew your license on time. Failure to receive the renewal postcard, email notification, or to notify LARA of an address change does not exempt physicians from renewing their license on time.**

To renew your license, go online to your MiPLUS account at www.michigan.gov/MiPLUS. Renewal payments can be taken by using a debit or credit card containing a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover logo.

Online CME Courses

[Online CME courses including the required content areas are available here>>](#)

[Details on the required and one-time CME are available here>>](#)

For more information or for questions on **Online CME Courses**, please contact [Brenda Marenich](#) or [Rebecca Blake](#) at MSMS.

LET'S HAVE THE TALK

SECURE STORAGE SAVES LIVES

- Firearms are the leading cause of death for U.S. & Michigan children and teens.
- Access to a firearm increases the risk of suicide nearly five times, and access to a firearm by adolescents triples their risk of suicide.
- 45% of gun owners with children at home do not store firearms securely.
- Firearms stored unlocked and loaded are most commonly involved in accidental shootings among children.

WHAT IS SECURE STORAGE?

IN MICHIGAN, SECURE FIREARM STORAGE MEANS:

- Keeping firearms **unloaded and locked** with a secure locking device, **or** storing firearms in a locked container that a minor cannot access.

IT'S NOT JUST SMART, IT'S THE LAW



>> Scan to learn more or visit
Michigan.gov/FirearmInjuryPrevention



>> Scan to learn more or visit
Michigan.gov/FirearmSafety

Michigan's firearm secure storage law went into effect on February 13, 2024. Anyone who fails to properly secure a firearm in the presence of minors can face criminal penalties if a minor gains access.

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HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION ON SECURE FIREARM STORAGE

START THE CONVERSATION. PROTECT OUR KIDS.

Talking about guns in the home can feel awkward, but it shouldn't be taboo. Whether your child is going to a friend's house, staying with relatives, or simply curious, asking about secure firearm storage is an act of care and prevention.

USE THESE CONVERSATION STARTERS TO HELP HAVE "THE TALK" WITH YOUR CHILDREN:

- "Do you know what to do if you ever see a gun at someone's house?"
- "If a friend ever shows you a gun, what would you do?"
- "Guns can be dangerous if they're not locked up, can we talk about how to stay safe?"
- "Have you ever seen a gun at a friend's house or somewhere unexpected?"
- "If you were ever unsure about whether something is safe, would you feel comfortable telling me?"
- "Let's talk about what to do if you ever see something that makes you feel unsafe."

USE THESE CONVERSATION STARTERS TO HELP HAVE "THE TALK" WITH OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS*:

- "Before our kids hang out, I just wanted to ask if you have firearms in your house and confirm how they are stored. I want to make sure my kid knows your safety rules."
- "No judgment, I've just started asking other parents about gun safety. Do you use a lock or safe for yours?"
- "We're having more of these conversations at home, so I'm asking: how do you store any firearms in your house?"
- "Our kids are getting older and more curious, so I wanted to check in—how do you handle firearm storage?"
- "I know it can be awkward, but I ask all parents now: how do you store your guns in the home?"

*Adapted from the Be SMART & End Family Fire ASK campaign