

Renewing Your Medical License in 2024 or 2025? What you Need to Know!

As a reminder, physician license renewals are quickly approaching. One third of licensed osteopathic and allopathic physicians are required to renew their three-year license every year. Please see the information below to assist with the process and requirements.

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In October of 2021, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) migrated over 700,000 licenses to a new licensing platform called MiPLUS. The benefits of MiPLUS include an online account and an electronic application. As soon as your license is issued or renewed, you will receive an electronic copy of your license via email. Electronic copies of licenses are also stored in your MiPLUS account and can be accessed at any time.

Due to the functionality of MiPLUS, **paper copies of licenses will no longer be automatically mailed upon issuance or renewal.** Instead, licensees will be able to choose if they'd prefer to have a copy of their license mailed to them during the application or renewal process. Licensees benefit because an electronic copy is immediately available to them.

To access your MiPLUS account, please visit www.michigan.gov/miplus. If you have any questions, please contact bplhelp@michigan.gov or 517-241-0199.

Every 3 Years

Medical doctors are required to complete 150 hours of continuing education of which a minimum 75 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned in courses or programs designated as Category 1 programs. The remaining 75 hours may comprise of Category 1 and 2 credits within the maximums allowed. [Click HERE for a brief description](#) of each category and the number of allowable hours and acceptable documentation.

Osteopathic physicians are required to complete a minimum of 60 hours in Category 1. [Click HERE for a brief description](#) of each category and the number of allowable hours and acceptable documentation.

Required CME

Within the 150 hours of continuing medical education, a minimum of one hour of continuing education must be in the area of **medical ethics** and three hours must be in the area of

pain and symptom management (with at least one of the three hours specifically on controlled substance prescribing).

In addition, effective June 2022, a minimum of three hours every three-year relicensing cycle is required in **Implicit Bias** education. Renewals in January 2023 need one hour; renewals in 2024 need two hours; **and renewals in 2025 need three hours. Then after, every three-year renewal cycle will need to report three hours. Hours earned after June 2021 can be used.**

One-Time Requirements

Effective January 4, 2019, LARA announced a one-time **Opioids and Controlled Substances Awareness Training Standards for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances.** This is separate from continuing education for an individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances. Please refer to the information published after this article on the [Michigan Collaborative Addiction Resources & Education System](#) for more information and free trainings.

Also, separate from continuing medical education requirements, physicians must complete a one-time **human trafficking** requirement.

Renewal Grace Period

There is a 60-day grace period in which you may renew your license without having to go through the relicensure process. If you renew during the 60-day grace period, there is an additional \$20 late fee when you renew your license.

However, if your license is not renewed within the 60-day grace period after your expiration date, your license will lapse. The expiration date will reflect the original expiration date - it will not include the grace period. 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.

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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.

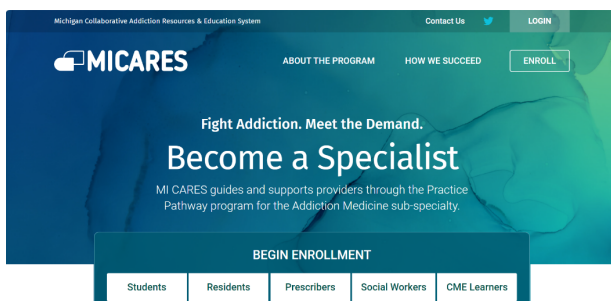
To renew your license, go online to your MiPLUS account at www.michigan.gov/MiPLUS. Renewal payments can be taken by using a debit or credit card containing a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover logo.

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.



The MI CARES program is designed to:

Support physicians applying for Addiction Medicine certification through the Practice Pathway with the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM).

- Identify areas outside of direct patient care to ensure required hours of experience in Addiction Medicine research, teaching activities, and administration are met, utilizing collaborative resources.

- Properly assess a provider's current roles and responsibilities and how they can translate to meet the time-in-practice requirements for Addiction Medicine certification.
- Provide a robust overview of the Addiction Medicine core content for the board exam.

What to Expect

Physician participants gain access to all MI CARES' asynchronous learning modules, no-cost CME and assistance during the application process.

End Result for Physicians:

- CME credits
- Unlimited access to modules
- Application tools and support from MI CARES staff

Benefits of Addiction Medicine Certification

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) list a variety of benefits of board certification. Some benefits include:

- Joining a distinguished community of physicians whose priority is the advancement of patient care and safety.
- Helping bridge the gap between almost 22 million people struggling with substance use disorder, and approximately only 5,500 specialists nationwide.
- Increased practice-based and clinical efficiencies, and enhanced communication with colleagues, patients and caregivers.
- Possible increase in compensation; it is estimated that physicians with board certification earn 67% more than those without it.

MI Success

MI CARES set two ambitious goals. One, to increase the Addiction Medicine workforce in Michigan, and two, to implement an Addiction Medicine curriculum into undergraduate medical education. Initially, MI CARES was developed as a regional initiative to address the need for Addiction Medicine specialists in Michigan.

Today, physicians from all over the U.S. are enrolling in MI CARES' Practice Pathway program to meet the rising demand for addiction specialists in their own communities. MI CARES has a dedicated, knowledgeable, and professional staff to support our participants, content experts to help develop our evidence-based curriculum, and medical students setting the stage as the next generation of leaders in the field of Addiction Medicine.

Statistics

- National – 52 new board-certified physicians since 2021
- 95% of participating physicians said MI CARES simplified the certification process
- MI CARES Enrollees – 975 since 2019

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