



**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**  
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**PA RENEWALS DUE BEFORE MARCH 31, 2018**

All 2018 PA license renewals will be done online and will be available for completion after February 1, 2018. If you have an email address on file with the Board Office, we will send an e-blast e-mail, shortly after the first of the year, to all licensees due for renewal. When completing your 2018 license renewal just follow the following steps:

- 1) From [www.wvbdosteo.org](http://www.wvbdosteo.org) click on "PA Renewals" in left hand column;
- 2) Log in with either your last name, license number or last 4 digits of SSN;
- 3) Enter "Submit and Continue." If you get interrupted and cannot finish your application, press "Save" and it will save the information you have already entered until you are prepared to resume the application.
- 4) Continue to fill in all fields requesting information and enter "Submit and Continue;"
- 5) When answering the personal information questions, if you have a "yes" answer it will bring up a screen for you to type in your response;
- 6) The CME report allows you to link directly with the NCCPA to obtain your CME hours. But you still have to enter them into the application;
- 7) There is also a place to waive the Pain Prescribing 3 hour CME requirement if you attest to never prescribing a controlled substance during the last two year cycle;
  - 8) Lastly you check a certification box which attests to the accuracy of your information;
  - 9) The next screen is the payment screen for you to enter your credit card information. Once entered, you will see a white, processing screen. **DO NOT PRESS A KEY** until that process has completed. Otherwise, your application will not be sent to the Board. You will be given only one opportunity to print your receipt at the conclusion of the payment.

***Please do not discard this publication!***  
***Important License Renewal Information Enclosed!!!***

The logo for the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program. It features a blue silhouette of the state of West Virginia on the left. To the right of the map, the words "WEST VIRGINIA" are written in a bold, black, serif font. Below that, "Medical Professionals" is written in a gold, cursive script font. At the bottom, "HEALTH PROGRAM" is written in a bold, black, serif font.

# WEST VIRGINIA Medical Professionals HEALTH PROGRAM

At the printing of this newsletter, plans have been confirmed for the Fifth Annual Appalachian Addiction & Prescription Drug Abuse Conference. This year's conference will be held in Charleston on October 19-22, 2017, and promises to provide another superb list of speakers including DHHR Secretary Bill Crouch, Public Health Commissioner Rahul Gupta, M.D., Director of NIH and second White House Drug Chief Robert DuPont, M.D. and WV Chief Medical Examiner Allen Mock, M.D. and many other state and national experts including the Deans of all three medical schools.

The West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program (WVMPHO) has been operational for 7+ years. It continues to be the only physician health program recognized by both West Virginia Licensing Boards. To date, there have been 169 participants of whom 80 continue under an agreement impacting 32 hospitals/medical schools and many other areas of organized medicine. WVMPHP has served an excess of 100 others who have sought assistance and guidance relative to the services provided by the WVMPHP. Less than 1/3 of signed participants were referred by their licensure boards. The vast majority have voluntarily sought assistance and guidance.

Of those who have completed the initial phase of treatment and are under contract; 90% have remained abstinent, licensed and are practicing safely. THAT FIGURE IS ASTOUNDING IN THIS REALM OF TREATMENT! 22% of current participants are medical students and/or residents reflecting on the effectiveness of early intervention and salvaging careers, individuals and families.

The WV Medical Health Professionals Program and its board members continue active involvement with organized medicine, legislative committees, hospitals, credentialing bodies, malpractice carriers, insurance payers and other venues where the experience and expertise is sought and beneficial. As the WV Board of Osteopathic Medicine continues to support WVMPHP through a portion of its licensing fees, we ask that others within the healthcare community who have benefited from this program, pledge their support to WVMPHP for the benefit of our healthcare providers and to the benefit of West Virginia and the public we serve.



## LEGISLATIVE RULE CHANGES AFFECTING 2018 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RENEWALS

The 2017 WV Legislature, during the extended regular session, approved SB1014 and the Governor signed the bill with an effective date of July 1, 2017. Legislative Rules have been introduced and entered for public comment to enforce SB 1014. Please check our website, [www.wvbdosteop.org](http://www.wvbdosteop.org) for all legislative updates. The Physician Assistant rule will be identified under Series 2.

Changes affecting the licensing and practice of a Physician Assistant in West Virginia include the following:

- 1) The term “supervising” has been changed to “collaborative” in every aspect of the rule;
- 2) Physician Assistants, currently holding a license, registration or certification to practice in another jurisdiction may apply for a Volunteer License. This will allow them to volunteer, without compensation, for a charitable function for a period not to exceed ten days by submitting a board-approved application at least ten days in advance of the function. There is no application fee and only proof of license in one state is required;
- 3) NCCPA certification is only required at time of initial application for licensure. It will not be required at renewal time, however, if re-certification is obtained, it will meet the CME requirements of 100 hours for license renewal;
- 4) Physician Assistant has signature authority for the following, if included in their Practice Agreement:
  - a) Physician order for life sustaining treatment;
  - b) Physician order for scope of treatment;
  - c) DNR forms;
  - d) Disability medical evaluations/certifications for persons with disabilities in support of hunting or fishing permits;
  - e) Utility company forms /certifications requiring maintenance of utilities regardless of ability to pay.

5) Review sessions between collaborating physician and the physician assistant must be conducted and documented monthly for six months for a physician assistant that has practiced for less than one year. After that initial six month period, the regularity of the reviews should be outlined in the Practice Agreement.

- 6) Changes to prescriptive authority for physician assistants are as follows:
- a) Schedule III medications are limited to a 30 day supply without refill;
  - b) If using electronic prescription system, the PA prescription must include name, title, practice location, telephone number, signature, license number, the collaborating physician's name, business address and business telephone number and any other information required by state and federal law.
  - c) Physician assistants may administer local anesthetics;
  - d) Physician assistants granted prescriptive privileges through their Practice Agreement may accept professional samples and may apply to be registered as a controlled substance dispensing practitioner as set forth in 24 CSR 7;
  - e) Physician Assistant **MUST** complete the mandatory 3 hour Board Approved CME on best practice prescribing prior to receiving prescriptive authority;
- 7) Physician Assistants can independently bill for services rendered.

If you have questions or would like more information about the Code changes, please contact our office, (304) 558-6095.

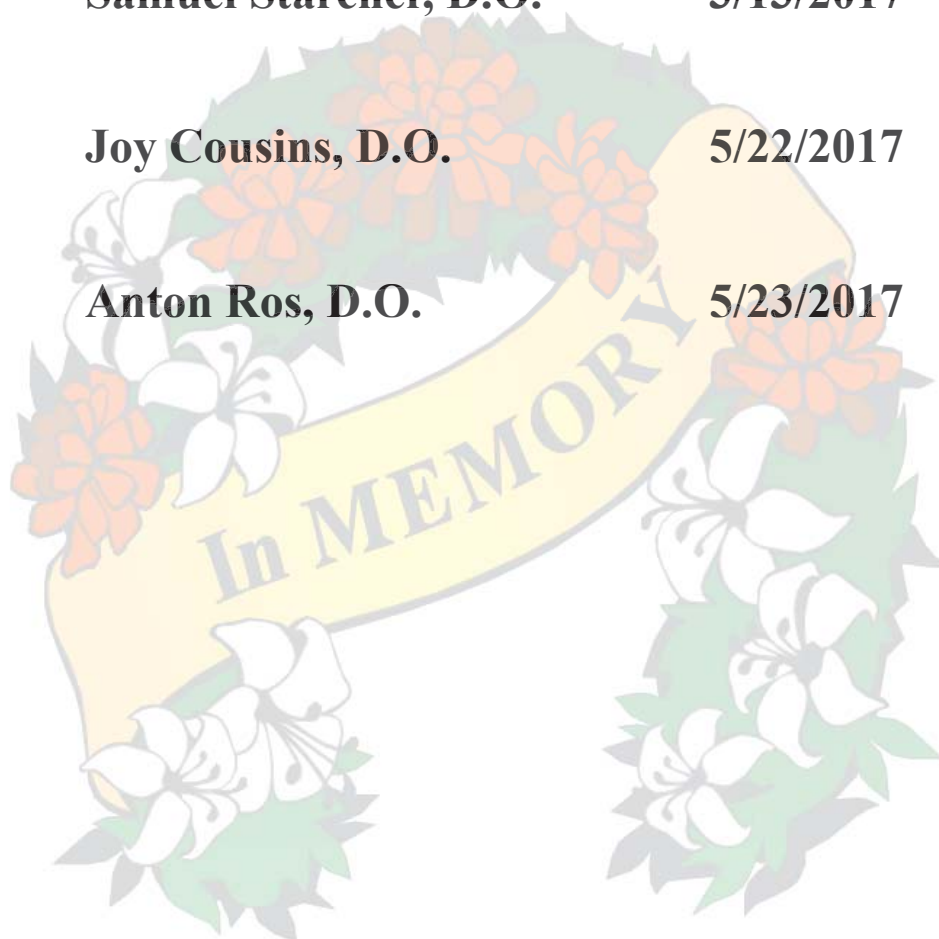
## MEMORIALS 2017

**Joseph Walsh, D.O.**                      **3/11/2017**

**Samuel Starcher, D.O.**                      **3/13/2017**

**Joy Cousins, D.O.**                              **5/22/2017**

**Anton Ros, D.O.**                                **5/23/2017**







## Disciplinary Actions in 2017

### **REVOCATIONS:**

James H. Blume, D.O.

### **CONSENT ORDERS:**

Joel Adam Smithers, D.O.

### **SUSPENSION:**

Craig Swann, D.O.  
Brandon Cestaric, D.O.  
Lucy Shamblin, D.O.

## CURRENT BOARD-APPROVED CME PROGRAMS FOR BEST PRACTICES ON PAIN PRESCRIBING

On-Line CME: [www.wvbdosteo.org](http://www.wvbdosteo.org)

SEE [WVBDOSTEO.ORG](http://WVBDOSTEO.ORG) FOR ALL UPCOMING  
LIVE CME PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR 3 HOUR PAIN  
PRESCRIBING/DRUG DIVERSION CME



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