

# NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **BE SURE TO READ THE ENCLOSED NOTICE REGARDING THE PHYSICIANS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE REQUIRED \$1,000 ASSESSMENT**

#### **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION RECORD FORM**

As a recommendation from the Legislative Audit Committee, when it is time for your license to be renewed, you will no longer be required to send proof of your continuing medical education hours. You will only need to complete the form that will be enclosed with the renewal application. The CME hours must start from July 1 of the previous two years. The Board may request documentation of entries at any time.

#### **PHYSICIANS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

Added to the physicians that would be exempt from the assessment:

- (6) A physician who is licensed on an inactive basis pursuant to subsection (b), section twelve, article three, chapter thirty of this code or section ten, article fourteen, chapter thirty, or a physician who voluntarily surrenders his license: *Provided*, That a retired osteopathic physician, who submits to the Board of Osteopathy an affidavit asserting that he or she receives no monetary remuneration for any medical services provided, executed under the penalty of perjury and if executed outside the state of West Virginia, verified, may be considered to be licensed on an inactive basis: *Provided, however*, That if a physician elects to resume an active license to practice in the state and the physician has never paid the assessment, then as a condition of receiving an active status license, the physician must pay the special one-time assessment; and
- (7) A physician who practices less than forty hours a year providing medical genetic services to patients within this state.

Also: (e) A physician who fails to pay the special one-time assessment imposed on the first day of July 2003, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, on or before the 30th day of June 2004, or when the license is due for renewal, whichever is earlier, and has received written notice of the assessment and option to elect inactive status, at least thirty days before

the licensure renewal date or by the 30th of May 2004, is subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 payable to either the Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathy. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any provision of chapter thirty to the contrary, the Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathy shall immediately suspend the license to practice medicine or podiatry of any physician who received notice and failed to pay the special assessment by the first day of July 2004. Any license to practice medicine suspended pursuant to this section shall remain suspended until both the special assessment and the civil penalty are paid in full.

#### **FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF A CORPORATION OR PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

When one or more osteopathic physicians or surgeons licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in the state of WV wish to form an osteopathic medical corporation or a PLLC, such physician shall file a written application with the Board on a form provided by the Board. At such time as the Board finds that the applicants are duly licensed, the Board shall notify the Secretary of State that a certificate of authorization has been issued to the physician.

Corporation:	Articles of Incorporation \$500.00 fee
PLLC:	Articles of Organization \$1,000,000.00 of professional liability insurance \$100.00 fee

When the Secretary of State receives notification from the Board that a physician has been issued a certificate of authorization, he/she will notify the incorporators that they may engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery.

AOA has new web sites:

[www.Osteopathic.org](http://www.Osteopathic.org)  
[www.DO-Online.org](http://www.DO-Online.org)



**RENEWAL OF A  
PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

If you, as a physician, are practicing as a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC), **you are required to send the Board office, on or before the first day of July each year**, a renewal fee of \$100.00; documentation that the PLLC carries at least one million dollars of professional liability insurance; and a copy of the annual report that is filed with the Secretary of State's office.

**No renewal forms are mailed!** You should automatically send our office the above listed documents.

This is subject to Legislative Rule §24-4-3.3 and §24-4-3.5.

**END OF LIFE CARE REQUIREMENTS**

All physicians and physician assistants are required to complete two (2) hours of CME in end of life care including pain management during each renewal period ending June 30, 2005. Beginning July 1, 2005, this requirement will become a one-time requirement, and all licensees who have not completed the coursework shall complete it prior to his/her first license renewal. You may view a video from WVU: 304-293-3937; [www.cme.wvu.edu](http://www.cme.wvu.edu); or [cme@wvu.edu](mailto:cme@wvu.edu).

Other websites are:

[www.learnwell.org](http://www.learnwell.org)

[powerpak.com](http://powerpak.com)

[lecturehall.com](http://lecturehall.com)

[www.camcinstitute.org/wvsma](http://www.camcinstitute.org/wvsma)

**NEWS FLASH**

US News & World Report magazine's list of "America's Best Graduate Schools 2005" has ranked West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine 8th in Rural Medicine. This is up from 10th in this category last year, and the ranking is for the sixth straight year. WVSOM also made this year's rankings in the categories of Family Practice and Primary Care.

Physician Assistants will be the third fastest-growing occupation between 2002 and 2012. Total employment is expected to grow at least 15% and the number of PA jobs is expected to increase by 49%. PAs ranked third behind medical assistants and network systems and data communications analysts as the fastest-growing professions. 9 of the 10 fastest-growing occupations are in the health and computer fields.

WV Board of Osteopathy  
Toll Free Phone Number  
1-800-206-6625

**UPCOMING 2004 HOLIDAYS—BOARD OFFICE CLOSED**

May 11, 2004 - Primary Election Day  
May 31, 2004 - Memorial Day  
June 21, 2004 - West Virginia Day  
July 5, 2004 - Independence Day  
September 6, 2004 - Labor Day  
October 11, 2004 - Columbus Day  
November 2, 2004 - General Election Day  
November 11, 2004 - Veterans' Day  
November 25, 2004 - Thanksgiving  
December 24, 2004 - Christmas Eve  
December 31, 2004 - New Years' Eve  
January 1, 2005 - New Years'

It is the duty of each physician to be knowledgeable of the Rules and Regulations that govern their profession. If you do not have a copy of the Rules/Code, you may contact the Board office and we will mail you a booklet, or they may be located at:

[www.legis.state.wv.us](http://www.legis.state.wv.us) (Code) Chapter 30, Article 14

[www.wvsos.com/csr](http://www.wvsos.com/csr) (Rules) Title 24, Series 1

West Virginia Board of Osteopathy:

E-Mail: [bdosteo@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:bdosteo@mail.wvnet.edu)

Website: [www.wvbdosteo.org](http://www.wvbdosteo.org)

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Friday, May 14, 2004 at 9:30AM at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV. This is in conjunction with the conference sponsored by WVSOM, Inc.

**URGENT!**

To Physicians licensed in West Virginia that have an expiration date of June 30, 2004:

**License renewals are due by June 30, 2004.** If you do not renew your license by that date, you should not practice medicine. Late renewals are permitted until September 30, 2004; however, applications postmarked after June 30 require an additional late payment fee of \$50.00.

Licensees who fail to renew by September 30, 2004 must reinstate their license, which requires you to complete a new application, not just a renewal form.

