WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY

NEWSLETTER

House Bill 4605 passed March 12, 1998, allowing the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy to set fees by board rules. Currently, our board has among the lowest fees in the health profession. We have submitted an emergency rule to enable us to enact these fees, resulting in raising current fees.

Description of Service	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Examination	NBOME cost	NBOME cost
	plus \$75	plus \$100
Physician Application	\$150	\$200
Physician Renewal	\$55	\$200
Phys. Renewal Late Fee	\$25	\$50
Corporation Application	\$100	\$500
Corporation Renewal	\$100	\$250
Dup. Wallet License	\$5	\$10
Wall Certificate	\$5	\$20
Phys. Education Permit	\$0	\$50
License Verification	\$10	\$25
State Board Scores	\$5	\$10

Please review the proposed fee changes, filed by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy with the Office to the Secretary of State and the Legislative Rule-Making Committee, as a proposed amendment to the Rule on Board Fees. Please note that a comment period has been established by the Board of Osteopathy to end June 10, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. If members of your organization have comments they wish to make on this proposed rule, we do request that the comments be received at this office on or before that day.

West Virginia Board of Osteopathy 334 Penco Road Weirton WV 26062

May 13, 1998

REGARDING RENEWALS DUE JUNE 30, 1998

Please remember licenses cannot be extended past the June 30, 1998 expiration date. Please have all renewal information ready. You are required to complete the application, including a home and work address, and attach a copy of your CME hours. CME requirements are as follows: 32 hours total, with 16 hours being from category 1, AOA approved. The other 16 hours can be from category I or II. Advanced Life Support courses do count as Category 1.

The Board is currently implementing an information system to maintain licensure information and automate operations. This system should improve all aspects of the Board's performance. A special thank you to Steven V. Schreiber, CPA, MBA, who developed and provided this program to the board, free of charge, as a part of his post graduate education.

PIE insurance that was carried by a number of our physicians has liquidated due to bankruptcy. Additionally, we have been advised that if you are a member of the West Virginia Society of Osteopathic Medicine, you may be eligible for a discount through *OHIC Insurance Company*. Please contact the Society at 304-345-9836 for more information on malpractice insurance.