

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHY

NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2000

Anti-kick back provisions are in violation of osteopathy physician licensing rules

Legal counsel has reviewed 24 CSR 1.18.1 and 18.1.17 and determined that the language in the **Three Rivers Health Plan, Inc.** appears to be in direct violation. As physicians, you must carefully review all of your contracts with insurers and other parties to avoid signing a contract that violates our rules. Penalty for this would be suspension/revocation/restriction placed on your license. If you are uncertain if a plan you are signing is in violation with our law you may contact the board office at 304-723-4638 and we will investigate the matter for you.

The West Virginia State Code and Rules and Regulations may be found online at the following addresses:

www.state.wv.us/csr
www.legis.state.wv.us

Considering the selling of vitamins, goods, appliances, or drugs? Any private activities that could be related back to your professional practice needs reviewed in relation to the Board's rules and regulations. Please remember that you are a physician 24 hours per day. An individual is more apt to accept what you say as a physician. If choose to do this, it must be in the best of interests for the patient not for your own financial gain. You may refer to **24 CSR 18.1.22**

Physician Assistant Formularies are being revamped - Any suggestions or comments may be sent to : Douglas Wolfe, D.O.
 800 East Main Street
 Mannington WV 28562
 or the Board Office

Continuing Medical Education for License Renewals (Hours must be from 7/1/98 thru 6/30/00)

You are required to have a total of 32 hours AOA approved. Of those 32 hours at least 50% or 16 hours must be category 1 A or B. The other 16 hours may come from any other source. AOA generally approves all CME hours, but not necessarily all as category 1. ***Standardized Life Support Courses*** count as Category 1A with the following hours as credits.

<i>Course Name</i>	<i>Provider</i>	<i>Refresher</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
ATLS	16	8	16
ACLS	16	8	16
BLS	8	4	24
PALS	16	8	16
APLS	16	8	16
NALS	8	4	16
ALSO	16	16	8

Preceptoring osteopathic medical students count as category 1. We must receive a letter from the school stating the number of hours you taught or it must be recorded on your AOA individual activity report.

Residents - must have a letter from their Director of Medical Education, stating residency dates.

Military - must have current copy of their service card stating active status dates.

Videos - are category 1B provided they were ordered through Oklahoma State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine at (800) 274-1972.

In any event if you are a member of the AOA you probably need only to attach a copy of your most recent AOA individual activity report.

PLLC ANNUAL RENEWALS

Renewal forms are not sent, you are required by law to submit a copy of your annual report (that was filed with the Secretary of State office on 4/15/2000) and a check in the amount of \$100.00. If you PLLC has dissolved, we will need a copy of your dissolution paper from the Secretary of States Office.

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Board Members have changed

We would like to welcome the newest board members: Thomas Gilligan, D.O. & Douglas Wolfe, D.O.

President: Ernest Miller, D.O.

Vice President: Douglas Wolfe, D.O.

Secretary: Thomas Gilligan, D.O.

*The Board office staff would like to thank **Dr. Joseph Schreiber** for all his time, patience, knowledge and years of service. We miss you Dr. Schreiber! ☹*

*We would also like to thank **Dr. Rodney Fink** for his time, patience, and knowledge.*

Farewell and Thanks again

Cheryl, Christine and Cathy