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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON LICENSES NOW IN RENEWAL



A friendly reminder to complete your continuing medical education (“CME”) prior to renewal. Licensees are required to complete 150 hours of CME prior to renewing their medical licenses. A minimum of 60 CME hours must be obtained in formal CME programs. A maximum of 90 CME hours may be obtained in informal CME programs or activities. Each licensee is responsible for maintaining records of completion of continuing education and shall be prepared to produce the records when requested by the Department.

In addition, the following specific continuing education is required for renewal:

- [Implicit Bias Training](#)
- [Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#)
- [Dementia Awareness Training](#)
- [Safe Opioid Prescribing Training](#)

(The above specific continuing education hours count towards the total 150 required hours.)

You may find more information and details regarding CME here: [Medical Rules CME](#)

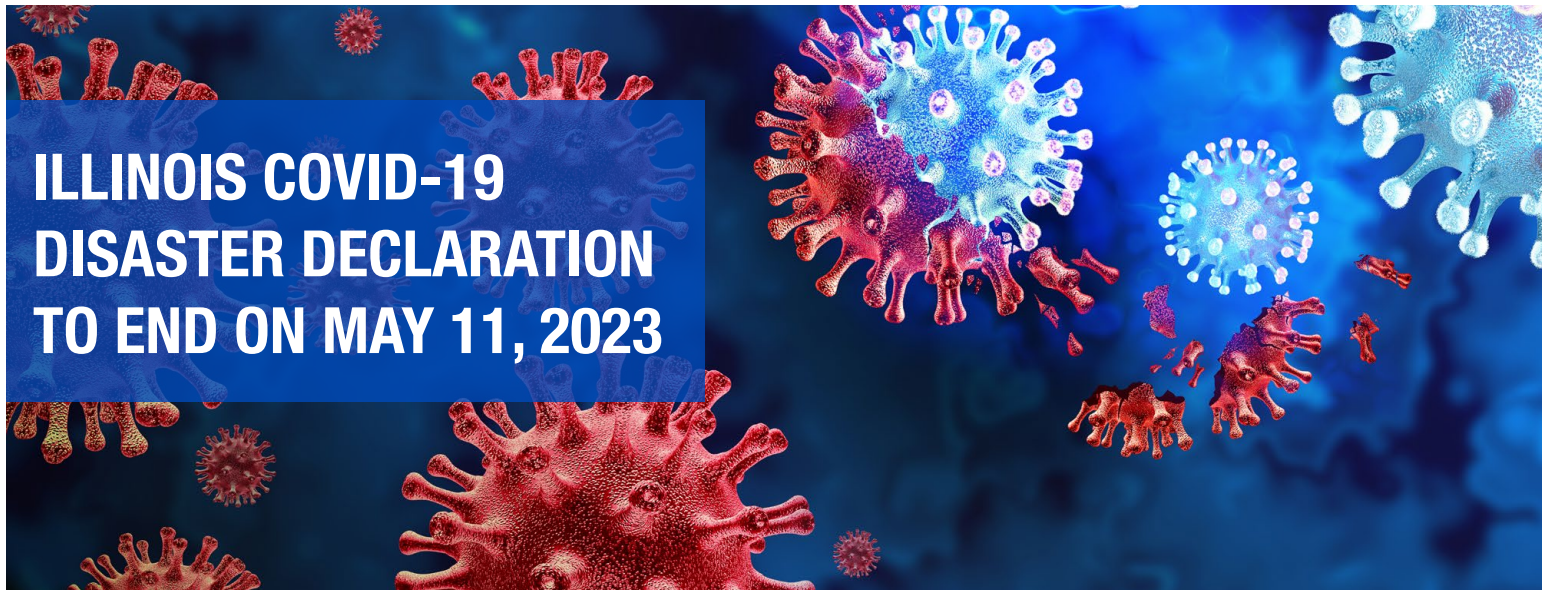


Under 720 ILCS 570/314.5 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, each prescriber possessing an Illinois Controlled Substances license is **required** to register with the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (“ILPMP”), that is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (“DHS”). Please be advised that a licensee is required to register even if:

- they currently do not actively prescribe controlled substances,
- they do not currently practice in the State of Illinois but hold an active Illinois Controlled Substance license,
- they are working in a hospital environment,
- they are working in a group practice setting,
- they are working in an academic setting, and/or
- they are practicing under a collaborative or supervisory agreement with a licensed physician.

If you are not registered with ILPMP, you must register at <https://www.ILPMP.org/CDC/login.php> within **45 days** of this notice to comply with 720 ILCS 570/314.5. Please be advised that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action by IDFPR. If you are currently registered with ILPMP, no action is needed.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with registering, please email DHS at dhs.pmp@illinois.gov. A list of frequently asked questions is available at <https://www.ilpmp.org/CDC/faqs.php>. Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.



In case you missed it, Governor Pritzker [announced in January](#) that Illinois' public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023. The lifting of the disaster declaration is impactful. What does it mean for you?

If you have a temporary license, please access the following Department FAQ here: [Department Temporary Permit FAQ](#).

More information and updates will also be made available on IDFP's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

If you are a prescriber, please access the following DEA Guidance here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-03-01/pdf/2023-04248.pdf>



IDFPR STATEMENT ON RECENT FEDERAL RULINGS ABOUT MIFEPRISTONE

On Friday, April 21, 2023, the United States Supreme Court stayed the Texas court ruling which had stayed the 2000 FDA approval of Mifepristone pending litigation on the merits. The U.S. Supreme Court ruling means that Mifepristone remains a legal reproductive healthcare option for women in Illinois, as well as across the nation. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) will not discipline physicians who prescribe or pharmacists who fulfill prescriptions of Mifepristone.

As a consumer protection regulatory agency, IDFPR will continue to uphold Illinois law protecting reproductive rights and ensuring that health care professionals maintain high quality standards in the provision of services. Illinois will continue to be a state that respects, values, and elevates an individual’s autonomy and welcomes individuals throughout the nation that need the provision of critical care services from our licensed professionals



NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR DEA-REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will begin requiring a one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all DEA-registered practitioners starting on June 27, 2023. The announcement below from the DEA provides more information about this new requirement. The announcement may also be found online [here](#).

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. Below is information on this new requirement.

Who is responsible for satisfying this new training requirement?

- All DEA-registered practitioners, with the exception of practitioners that are solely veterinarians.

How will practitioners be asked to report satisfying this new training requirement?

- Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

What is the deadline for satisfying this new training requirement?

- The deadline for satisfying this new training requirement is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission—regardless of whether it is an initial registration or a renewal registration—on or after June 27, 2023.
- This one-time training requirement affirmation will not be a part of future registration renewals.

How can practitioners satisfy this new training requirement?

There are multiple ways that practitioners can satisfy this new training requirement.

- First, the following groups of practitioners are deemed to have satisfied this training:
 1. **Group 1:** All practitioners that are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association.
 2. **Group 2:** All practitioners that graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at least eight hours of training on:
 - Treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate

clinical use of all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder; or

- Safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid and other substance use disorders.
- Second, practitioners can satisfy this training by engaging in a total of eight hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders from the groups listed below. A few key points related to this training:
 1. The training does not have to occur in one session. It can be cumulative across multiple sessions that equal eight hours of training.
 2. Past trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count towards a practitioner meeting this requirement. In other words, if you received a relevant training from one of the groups listed below— prior to the enactment of this new training obligation on December 29, 2022—that training counts towards the eight-hour requirement.
 3. Past DATA-Waived trainings count towards a DEA registrant's 8-hour training requirement.
 4. Trainings can occur in a variety of formats, including classroom settings, seminars at professional society meetings, or virtual offerings.

What accredited groups may provide trainings that meet this new requirement?

- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or any organizations accredited by the AOA to provide continuing medical education
- The American Dental Association (ADA)
- The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- The American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Any other organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR), whether directly or through an organization accredited by a State medical society that is recognized by the ACCME or CCEPR
- Any other organization approved or accredited by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the ACCME, or the CCEPR

We hope this information is helpful. For information regarding the DEA Diversion Control Division, please visit www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov. If you have any additional questions on this issue, please contact the Diversion Control Division Policy Section at (571) 362-3260.



CALLING NEW MEDICAL INTERNS: TIPS FOR SUCCESSFULLY STARTING YOUR INTERN YEAR

Congratulations! It's a new beginning and bright future for you. Soon, you will take the Hippocratic Oath and with those words, you will become a physician. Here are some things you can do to rise to the top during the first year of your residency:

- **LISTEN** more than you speak!
- **DON'T PANIC!** Be optimistic. You are in a field many would love to be in. You get to be closely involved with people who are at the most vulnerable moments of their lives; accept the responsibility and own it.
- **KNOW** your strengths and weaknesses. If punctuality is a weakness for you, plan to get to work 15 minutes earlier than you must. If you're bad at documentation, spend extra time on it. (If you're good at it, help your colleagues!)
- Ask questions and **ASK FOR HELP!** Believe it or not, you are not actually expected to know everything. Be willing to be humble and say you do not know. Use this as a motivation to go find the answer in a book or through a senior/attending.
- **LEARN** common diagnoses and treatment- BUN went from 11 to 12, MCHC is at the lower limit of normal, and the patient's left toenail is a little green... The problem? Sometimes you must take a step back, take a deep breath and reassess.
- Take **CARE** of yourself: mentally and physically! The hours are long, and some days can be tougher than others. If you feel overwhelmed, I promise you are not the first person to feel this way. Asking for help is never a sign of weakness.
- Remember that it gets **BETTER!** That's it. You got this. You are going to be great!

Reference- *The Washington Manual® Internship Survival Guide*

LEARN MORE ABOUT IDFPR

Did you know IDFPR is comprised of four Divisions? In addition to the Division of Professional Regulation that oversees medical professions, there are also the Division of Banking, Division of Financial Institutions, and Division of Real Estate.

Learn more about IDFPR – and the resources for licensees and consumers on our website – in this informational video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN9f6J8cjdk>.

Additional resources may also be found on IDFPR's website, idfpr.illinois.gov.



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