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## ACUTE PAIN PRESCRIBING RULES

As one of the responses to the opioid epidemic facing Ohio, the Board adopted the following rules related to opioid prescribing on August 31, 2017 along with other healthcare related licensing boards. It is important for prescribers to not only be aware of these rules but also to understand their practical application. The Board's Chair of the Dental Opioid Strategy Team, Dr. Kumar Subramanian, has worked closely with other clinicians on developing an appropriate strategy for addressing overprescribing.

[4715-6-01 Standards and procedures for review of "Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System" \(OARRS\).](#)

[4715-6-02 Prescribing opioid analgesics for acute pain.](#)

The link below will take you to the Morphine Equivalent Dose calculator that is convenient to use. This calculator is housed in the OARRS portal.

[https://www.ohiopmp.gov/MED\\_Calculator.aspx](https://www.ohiopmp.gov/MED_Calculator.aspx)

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report for 2016/2017 is available on the Board's website. You may also access it via the following link:

<http://dental.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Board/Annual%20Reports/ANNUAL%20REPORT%20%20Dental%20Board%20%20FY%2016%20%20FY%2017%20FINAL.pdf?ver=2017-10-13-122622-087>

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## **LICENSE RENEWAL**

License renewals started on Oct 1, 2017 for dentists, hygienists and EFDA's (depending on original date of registration). These licenses will expire on December 31, 2017. Please be sure to not wait until the month of December to renew as it could result in delays in processing. This is due to the anticipated high volume of renewals that normally occur a few weeks before the deadline. Here are a couple of helpful web links:

In order to renew your license, please click this link: [https://elicense.ohio.gov/OH\\_HomePage](https://elicense.ohio.gov/OH_HomePage)

For a step-by-step explanation of the registration and renewal process, please click this link:

<http://dental.ohio.gov/News/TabId/172/ArticleId/52/step-by-step-registration-on-elicense-portal.aspx>

### **Renewal confirmation**

When a licensee successfully completes the renewal application and pays the required fee, an automated confirmation email is sent. The eLicensing system is paperless and so the Board will not be sending a renewal wallet card. The fastest way to provide proof of your Ohio license is to use the "Verify a License" feature on [elicense.ohio.gov](https://elicense.ohio.gov). That license information can also be printed or converted to pdf for use as a wallet card if so desired.

### **Address information**

Please be aware that licensee address information with respect to city/state is public information and is included on the roster of licensees published by the Dental Board.

### **Renewal fee itemized**

The Dental licensure renewal fee is \$312. The fee payment in the eLicense system is now itemized to allocate \$272 to support Dental Board operations and \$40 to support the Dentist Loan Repayment Fund. The \$40 per license renewal is considered pass-through funds that go to the Ohio Department of Health where the Dentist Loan Repayment Program is housed.

Similarly, the Dental Hygienist licensure renewal fee is \$144. The fee payment in the eLicense system is now itemized to allocate \$134 to support Dental Board operations and \$10 to support the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Fund. The \$10 per license renewal is considered pass-

through funds that go to the Ohio Department of Health where the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program is housed.

### **eLicense transaction fee**

As of July 1, 2017, a \$3.50 eLicense transaction fee is charged to all license transactions including the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license and any other transactions served by the eLicense Ohio portal. The revenue generated from this fee is considered pass-through funds that go to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services to help support the operational and maintenance costs of the eLicense Ohio portal. Licensing boards do not receive revenue from this eLicense System Transaction Fee. This fee is nonrefundable.

### **C.E. submission**

You may upload a single document consisting of a log of C.E. courses taken instead of uploading multiple documents consisting of C.E. certificates of completion for every course taken. Please keep in mind that if you are selected for an audit, additional information may need to be submitted.

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## **STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH EFFORTS**

One of the hallmarks of Director Kamdar’s leadership has been to change the culture of the Board. A concerted effort has been made to shift to a customer-centric business model with emphasis on superior customer service, integrity and fairness, to name just a few treasured qualities. In this regard, Director Kamdar has taken the show on the road and is building bridges by visiting stakeholders around the state and listening to the “voice of the customers”. Most recently, visits included a presentation at the North Central Dental Society in Fremont; Marion County Opiate Task Force in Marion; Stark Collaborative Dental Hygienists Association in the Akron/Canton area; Dental Hygiene class at OSU Dental School and Columbus Dental Society at Fawcett Center. While there may not always be complete agreement on everything due to the differences in mission of various entities, it is always heartening to build relationships. Feel free to contact the Dental Board office or directly email [harry.kamdar@den.ohio.gov](mailto:harry.kamdar@den.ohio.gov) to schedule a time for Director Kamdar or Dental Board staff to come to your local society or group.

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## **OPIOID PRESCRIBING NEWS LINKS**

The following news links are courtesy of the Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

Ed Surge, Oct 23, 2017

[Enlisting Educators in the War Against Prescription Drug Abuse](#)

Health IT Analytics, Oct 23, 2017

[For Opioids and Substance Abuse, Big Data Analytics Is Just the Beginning](#)

Huffington Post, Oct 24, 2017

[America's 'Overdose Capital' Is Rising Up, And It's Time For The Media To Pay Attention](#)

(Dayton) Fox45, Oct 24, 2017

[Community Overdose Action Team says it's making progress against opioid crisis](#)

(Columbus) This Week Community News, Oct 24, 2017

[Opiate issue will require cooperation](#)

OSU News, Oct 25, 2017

[Ohio State experts offer keys to combating Ohio's opioid crisis](#)

The Epoch Times, Oct 25, 2017

[White House to Tackle America's Mounting Opioid Addiction](#)

PJ Media, Oct 25, 2017

[GOP Senator: 'Push Drug Companies' to Come Up with 'Alternatives' to Addictive Pain Meds](#)

(Columbus) 10TV, Oct 26, 2017

[Ohio State study provides shocking look at opioid crisis](#)

(Warren) Tribune Chronicle, Oct 30, 2017

[State crime labs seek overdose answers](#)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Board meeting schedule for the next two meetings (*open to members of the public*):

12/6/17, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. (*committees meet in the morning*)

2/7/18, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. (*committees meet in the morning*)

Board offices will be closed on the following state observed holidays:

11/10/17 - Veterans Day; 11/23/17 – Thanksgiving; 12/25/17 – Christmas; 1/1/18 – New Year

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