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Current Maryland Licensees:

1,714—Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists

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2014 Online License Renewals

Please check if the expiration date on your license is October 31, 2014. If so, you will be able to go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic starting September 3, 2014 to renew your license.

You may renew online between September 3, 2014 - October 31, 2014. Please note that online renewals between November 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

The Board has transitioned to paperless licensure. You will not receive a license in the mail. However, you will receive an email notification that your license has been renewed. Online verifications are available at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic

Before you begin, you will need the following:

- Your Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice License Number and Social Security Number.
- Computer with Internet Explorer Browser access and a printer. You will print a copy of your application and invoice or receipt for your records.
- Continuing education records.
- Visa or MasterCard only (no debit cards accepted). You may also mail a check or money order with a copy of the online receipt to the Board.

To Renew Online:

- Go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic and click RENEW ONLINE. Read the instructions and click LOGIN to proceed to the Logon Screen.
- Enter your Board of Dietetic Practice License Number D, DX, B, THEN THE NUMBER. (i.e., D Zero <u># # # #</u>). Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

- Fill in the information as requested. (Note that some fields may already be completed) Please note that when you renew online, no paperwork is required. You will list a minimum of 30 CEUS electronically by category between November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2014. The Board will conduct a random audit after the renewal period.
- Prior to selecting a method of payment, you must certify that all information in the application is accurate. Preview your application and then click, Submit Application. Please note that once submitted the applica-
- tion cannot be changed. Print and maintain a copy of your application for your records.

Payment Methods:

- Select Visa or MasterCard credit card payment. The 2014 renewal fee is \$286. Only click once to confirm payment. Applications will be processed within 1-2 business days. OR
- Select PAYMENT BY MAIL. You may mail a check or money order in the amount of \$286 made payable to the Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice. Your license will not be processed until payment is received. The Board must receive payment on or before October 31, 2014. Payments received between November 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 will be assessed a \$100 late fee. The mailing address is the Board of Dietetic Practice, 4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21215-2299.

If you are unable to complete your application online for any reason, please contact the Board at 410-764-4733. If your license expires on October 31, 2014, and you do not renew by December 31, 2014, you are considered to be practicing without a license and are subject to disciplinary action. In addition, licensed dietitian-nutritionists who have not completed the entire renewal process by December 31, 2014, are required to apply for reinstatement and pay a reinstatement fee of \$586 in order to practice dietetics in Maryland.

INACTIVE STATUS

Licensees who are not planning to renew, may apply for inactive status before December 31, 2014. The inactive status fee is \$75. You may download the inactive status application from the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic

Paperless Licensure Is Here

House Bill 1115 (Chapter 404) – Health Occupations Boards – License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability passed during the 2012 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. House Bill 1115 authorized the Boards to implement an electronic system for verifying licensure and eliminate first class mail notice regarding renewals. The legislation also allowed the Boards to email notices for renewals.

Last year, the Board transitioned to email notifications for licensure renewals. To slowly shift to paperless renewals, the Board sent a postcard reminder to licensees. The Board will continue this process for the 2014 renewals. Starting in 2015, the Board will have a completely paperless renewal process. Please remember to contact the Board if you change your email address.

This year, the Board will transition to paperless licensure. Several Maryland health occupation boards, including the Board of Nursing, have already implemented this practice. The Board will continue to issue an original license (Wall Certificates) to new licensees. The Board will not mail "renewal licenses." The Boards, including the Board of Dietetic Practice, have recently seen an increase in fraudulent licenses and national certifications. An important way to protect your license is to verify that individuals are licensed by the Board. On-line verification is free and available 24/7. Please visit the Board's website at <u>www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic</u> to verify a license or to print out a copy of your license verification to display.

Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists Order Writing Privileges

On July 11, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations, 42 CFR Part 482.28(b)(1) and (2) Food and dietetic services became effective. These regulations permit a qualified dietitian or qualified nutrition professional to order diets if authorized by the medical staff and in accordance with State law governing dietitians and nutrition professionals.

The Board's statute does not address this practice, but the Board is unaware of any legal barriers that would be problematic for a licensed dietitian-nutritionist to perform these activities. Please be advised, however, that these activities are not within the scope of practice of dietetics in and of itself. Thus, a licensed dietitian-nutritionist is not automatically qualified to perform these activities by virtue of his/her license alone.

The Board suggests that your facility develop a written policy that identifies the appropriate training, staff and documenting procedures for these activities.

NEW LICENSEES

Krista Noelle, CNS DeAnna Nara, CNS Betsy Costilo, CNS Eleonora Gafton, CNS Pamela Paris, CNS Jennifer Golan, CNS Valerie Wright, CNS Josephine Boyington, CNS Mary Bembenek, CNS Deborah Mizeur, CNS Angela Klees, RD Amanda Gilley, RD Katherine Sellors, RD Megan Thomas, RD Leann Grapes, RD Soaad Ali, RD Kayla Irvin-Blackstock, RD Leahandra Wendland, RD Amy Curtis, RD Nicole Garafalo, RD Bernice Cherfrere, R Lisa Kinsella, RD Kristin Barna, RD Sasha Nunes, RD Catherine Schroeder, RD Cathryn Searcy, RD Sarah Walker, RD Mary Herrstrom, RD Sara Patton, RD Udoka Nwaekwu, RD Artemis Apostolaros, RD Sarah Crowell, RD Andrea Ronan, RD Lara Snead, RD Virgilia Zabala Sanabria, RD Madison Beatty, RD Franciel Dawes, RD Christine St. Pierre, RD Breanna Masters, RD Dana Magee, RD Dana Filatova, CNS

Katrina Weavil, RD Erin McBerry, RD Jennifer Westcott, RD Nicole Potolicchio, RD Christine Ross, RD Sarah Davis, RD Matthew Smith, RD Casey Lehner, RD Mollie Molin, RD Heather Pekol, RD Allison White, RD Darren Friedman, RD Caitlin Royster, RD Bethany Beaver, RD Ashley Farrell, RD Almaas Arsiwala, RD Margery Swan, RD Linda Timm, RD Ruth Fisher, RD Elizabeth Mills, RD Jessica DeCostole, RD Elizabeth Kauruter, RD Danielle Ballantyne, RD Sarah Egebergh, RD Cara Shipley, RD Jennifer Vargas, RD Ashlynn Andrascik, RD Alexi Tetrault, RD Hana Smith, RD Amber Summers, RD Leslie Burrows, RD Julie Butters, RD Barbara Wagner, RD Jessica Savitsky, RD Ineke Wilkin, RD Kristine Caiafa, RD Sharyl Fidoten, RD Yolanda Kennedy, RD Tamara Miller, RD Amy Kapich, RD

CONGRATULATIONS AND THE BOARD WEL-COMES ALL NEW LICEN-SEES TO THE ROSTER!!!



Please submit any questions or comments for future newsletter articles to Marie.Savage@maryland.gov

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ETCETERA & SUNDRY

Bill Authorizing Cease and Desist Orders, Injunctive Relief, and Civil Penalties for Unauthorized Practice Signed By Governor on April 14, 2014

Senate Bill 379 – State Acupuncture Board and State Board of Dietetic Practice – Action and Penalties for Violations of Practice Acts and Supervisory Authority of Acupuncturists, Chapter 160 (2014) was signed by Governor Martin O'Malley on April 14, 2014. The legislation authorizes the Board to issue Cease and Desist Orders, obtain injunctive relief, and assess a maximum civil fine of \$50,000 for the unauthorized practice of dietetics in Maryland. All fines are paid to the State of Maryland's General Fund, not to the Board.

The legislation is effective October 1, 2014. The Board is in the process of drafting regulations to carry out the mandates of this legislation.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Licensees are required by law to give the Board written notice of any change of address **within 30 days**. There is a \$50 late fee for failure to notify the Board within 30 days of a change of address. Please remember to notify the Board in writing of any changes of address including email addresses. This will ensure that licensees receive important notices and renewal information in a timely fashion from the Board.