

Instructions for completing "The Application for Maine Medical License Renewal" form:

The following definitions are intended to help you complete the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine Renewal Application form.

Type of Licensure Status for Which You are Applying (select only one):

1. **Renewal of status as ACTIVE:**
 - A. **If you currently hold an active license:** If you intend to provide professional medical services to patients within Maine's borders, on either a full or part time basis, you need an active license. To qualify for ACTIVE status, you must report CME activities satisfactory to the Board showing a minimum of 40 Category I credits earned during the previous licensing period. You must also have practiced clinical medicine within the past 24 months. If you have not been in active clinical practice within the past 24 months, the Board may require a competency update, which could include successfully passing the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or other programs, fellowships or mini-residencies as approved by the Board.
 - B. **If you currently hold an inactive license:** To apply to **change license status from INACTIVE to ACTIVE, you must** complete a new renewal application requesting ACTIVE status, provide CME evidence, and provide verification of clinical practice in another state. If the applicant has not been in active clinical practice, the Board may require a competency update, which could include successfully passing the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or other programs, fellowships or mini-residencies as approved by the Board.
2. **Renewal of status as INACTIVE:** If you wish to keep your Maine license but do not intend to provide professional services to patients within Maine's borders, you may apply for inactive status. A renewal application processing fee is required. **Note that registration in INACTIVE status precludes you from any medical practice within Maine, including writing prescriptions for friends, family, self, or anyone. If you check box 2 and sign the application affidavit, you have affirmed to the Board that you will refrain from medical practice within the State unless and until you have first converted your license from inactive to active status in accordance with paragraph 1B above.**
3. **Request to Withdraw:** If you wish to discontinue Maine licensure, you may use this License Renewal Application to request approval from the Board to withdraw from licensure. **Payment of an application fee is not required with an application to withdraw from licensure. However, the application form must be completed and accepted by the Board before withdrawal will officially occur.** Note that once withdrawn a Maine license may be reinstated for only up to five (5) years following withdrawal. After five (5) years, applicants for reinstatement will be treated like new applicants. In addition, if you obtained a license in another jurisdiction through reciprocity based upon your Maine license, and you withdraw your Maine license, it may result in the voiding of any license that was obtained by reciprocity.
4. **Request an Emeritus License:** You may request conversion of your medical license to an Emeritus License. You may not practice medicine with an Emeritus License. The Emeritus license needs to be renewed every two years, but there is no fee and no CME is required.

Liability Insurance data:

This section must be completed if you are applying for an ACTIVE license. Information you supply here is required for the Maine Rural Health Access Program (24-A M.R.S. § 6304(3)). The information will be reported to the Maine Superintendent of Insurance for administration of this program as provided in that law. Maintenance of professional liability insurance is not a requirement to maintain a Maine medical license in force. Please select 'Self Insurance' if you have no professional liability insurance, or if you only pay a portion of the premium.

Background Data:

Item 13 asks you to list any permanent medical practice license granted you by any state or Canadian province, whether or not it is still in force. Please do not list training permits or temporary or locum tenens licenses which you have been issued. **If you were ever denied a license, including temporary or locum tenens licenses, see item 14 question 1.**

Item 14 questions 1-3 refer to **events which may have occurred at any time since you completed your medical education** and commenced your medical career.

Item 14 questions 4-27 ask you to disclose events which have occurred **since you submitted your last application to renew your license**. You need not report again matters which were disclosed on previous applications unless you feel it would be helpful to our understanding of your current qualifications for medical practice. For example, you need not report a malpractice claim which arose and was settled prior to your last renewal if previously disclosed. On the other hand, a claim filed in previous renewal periods which was closed by a settlement during your last renewal should be disclosed. If this is your first renewal, please disclose all data.

For any “YES” response, please provide a supplemental explanation in sufficient detail for the Board to understand the nature and seriousness of the issue and how it had been or is being resolved. For physical or psychiatric problems, please give diagnosis, prognosis and residuals, any current limitations on scope of practice, and name and address of your treating physician who can confirm current fitness to continue practice. The Board will inform you if clinical records or reports are required. If you reported an impairing substance abuse disorder on your registration application for a prior registration period, please so indicate and limit your response to methods and progress in recovery since your last renewal. If you reside in Maine, regardless of whether or you are a current member of the Maine Medical Association, you may obtain a confidential consultation with the Maine Medical Association’s Medical Professionals Health Program (“MPHP”) by calling (207) 623-9266. You can find more information about the MPHP at <http://www.mainemph.org>

Item 14 questions 23 and 24, regarding professional liability claims experience, are the questions most likely to generate follow-up letters from the Board staff and delay in your license renewal if not answered completely. Please report all claims of which you have been noticed since your last renewal. As well, report all claims since your last renewal from which you were dismissed as a defendant or for which your insurance company made a settlement of any kind with the plaintiff, or any claim for which a court found you liable in any degree. Claims against a professional corporation are considered a claim against the individual who provided the professional services in dispute.

To be complete, your supplemental explanation must include, for each such claim reported, a full description using the Professional (Malpractice) Liability Claim Experience Form attached. See the following fictitious example:

My Name: John B. Doe, MD

Identity of Case: Burns v. John B. Doe, MD, Samuel W. Smith, MD, Topeka Women’s Hospital, Inc. et al.; Kansas Third Circuit Court, Topeka, Case #89-10203

Date/Place of Original Occurrence: June 4, 1990, Topeka Women’s Hospital

Malpractice alleged by Claimant: Delayed diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy.

Summary of my Defense: I was a PGY II resident at the time. Dr. Samuel E. Smith, Chief of Obstetrics, Topeka Women’s Hospital was attending physician in the case. I was named in the claim because my name appeared in the chart as the physician ordering ultrasound on first hospital day.

Current Status of the Case: Although a motion to dismiss me as a defendant is still pending, my insurance company has offered a settlement on my behalf of \$15,000 on February 14, 1992. I have been told that the plaintiff rejected this and the claim is still pending.

Name and address of Insurance Company/Attorney Defending Case: Great Plains Physicians’ Mutual Indemnity, Attn: Jim Brown, Claims Manager, 4321 Ketcham Blvd. Rock Springs, SD 79104. I am also represented by William B. Eagle, Eagle-Hare P.A., 44 West River Drive, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 60301.

Please Note:

Mandated Reporter Requirements for Suspected Child Abuse

Maine law requires that physicians immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) when the physician knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected or that a suspicious child death has occurred. **In addition, if a child is under 6 months of age or otherwise non-ambulatory, Maine law requires physicians to immediately report to DHHS if that child exhibits evidence of the following: fracture of a bone; substantial bruising or multiple bruises; subdural hematoma; burns; poisoning; or injury resulting in substantial bleeding, soft tissue swelling or impairment of an organ, except that the reporting of injuries occurring as a result of the delivery of a child attended by a licensed medical practitioner or the reporting of burns or other injuries occurring as a result of medical treatment following the delivery of the child when the child remains hospitalized following the delivery is not required.** Please refer to 22 M.R.S. § 4011-A for all reporting requirements.

Mandated Reporter Training and additional information regarding mandated reporting can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cps/>

Maine Prescription Monitoring Program

As of August 1, 2014, Maine law requires all Allopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Podiatrists, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who are licensed to prescribe scheduled medications to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). To register, please go to the Prescription Monitoring Program website: <http://www.maine.gov/pmp> Download, complete and sign a registration form located within the yellow box. You may mail, scan and email or fax a signed form to the information located on the form. Please note there are two types of registration forms available, 1) Data Requester form for active prescribers with a DEA number and, 2) Sub-Account form for assistants/non-prescribing health professionals.

More PMP information is available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/samhs/osa/data/pmp/prescriber.htm>

Requirements Regarding Prescribing Opioid Medication

Any physician who intends to prescribe opioid medication must be aware of the laws and rules that govern this practice in Maine. The laws and rules affecting opioid prescribing include:

- Mandatory use of the PMP
- Limitations on dosing (with exceptions)
- Electronic prescriptions
- Continuing education regarding opioid prescribing
- Opioid medication policy
- Universal precautions

See 32 M.R.S. § 3300-F and Board Rule Chapter 21.

Your application is a public record for the purposes of the Maine Freedom of Access Law (1 MRS section 401 et seq.). Public records must be made available to any person upon request. The application for licensure is a public record and information supplied as part of the application, other than those items exempted by law such as social security number and credit card information, is public information.

The Board's staff is available to assist you by phone Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Eastern Daylight time.

Last Name A-L call (207) 287-3602

Last Name M-Z call (207) 287-3782

**M.D. License
Renewal
Fee: \$500**

Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine
137 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0137
(207)287-3601
Fax: (207)287-6590

Fee: _____
Exempt: ____
Late: _____

Application for Maine Medical License Renewal or Withdrawal

Fee: Please remit with application by check/money order payable to "Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine." **A renewal fee is not required if you are withdrawing from license registration or requesting an Emeritus License.**

Note: Any missing entry will render this application incomplete and may subject you to a late application charge of \$100. Also failure to enclose the appropriate renewal application fee, or report CME qualification if applying for ACTIVE status, will render your application incomplete.

Name: _____ License No: _____ Social Security No: _____
Address: _____ Daytime Phone No: () - _____ Date of Birth: / /

Email address: _____

Type of Licensure Status for Which You Are Applying:

- 1. I am applying for renewal of my license in ACTIVE status, based on evidence of CME qualification filed with this application.
- 2. I am applying for renewal of my license in INACTIVE status. I have therefore not submitted evidence of CME qualification. Without first obtaining an active Maine medical license, I will not practice medicine in Maine or provide professional services in Maine, including the writing of prescriptions for myself, family, friends, or anyone. I must still pay the renewal fee. I understand the requirements for converting my license from inactive to active status.
- 3. I request to WITHDRAW my Maine license from registration. I acknowledge that reinstatement of this particular license is not possible after 5 years, and that I will have to apply as a new applicant after that time. (In order to apply for withdrawal, you must complete the entire form, date, sign, and return it by the due date, omitting payment of the renewal application fee.)
- 4. I am applying for an EMERITUS LICENSE. (In order to apply for an Emeritus License, you must sign and date the form, and return it by the due date, omitting payment of the renewal application fee.)

Personal Data Update:

Maine law requires that you register with the Board both your HOME mailing address and phone number, and the address and phone number of your PRINCIPAL PLACE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE. You may designate which of the two you wish to be used for mailings from the Board, but that default address is the home address, unless you specify otherwise (by checking the 'contact at' box next to 'business address'). Unless you specify otherwise, your business address will be the address circulated by the Board in listings and publications available to the general public, including the Internet. If you currently have no business address and you do not wish for your home address to be on the Internet, you must provide an alternate address, such as a Post Office box, or a mail drop.

- 5. I prefer that the Board contact me at home.
Home mailing address

If your home address is incorrect, please correct here:

Home Email _____

Telephone: _____

- 6. I prefer that the Board contact me at my business.
Business mailing address

If your business address is incorrect, please correct here:

Business Email _____

Telephone: _____

PRACTICE DATA: If your practice data is incorrect, please correct in the space provided.

7. At present I practice medicine (check all that apply):

- Full Time Hospital-based Practice Solo Do not see patients (i.e. Administrative, Research, Teaching, etc.)
- Part Time In Partnership or Group Retired

List Specialties and/or subspecialties and check the box if currently ABMS-certified in any specialty.

- 8. Primary Specialty: _____ 10. Specialty 3: _____
- 9. Specialty 2: _____ 11. Specialty 4: _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE DATA:

Although maintenance of professional liability insurance is not a requirement for Maine licensure, the Board is required to provide data about each licensee's source of insurance, if any, to the Superintendent of Insurance to aid in the administration of the Maine Rural Health Access Program pursuant to 24-A MRSA, Ch. 75, § 6304, (3).

12. Please check the appropriate box to indicate the method you employ to secure professional medical malpractice liability insurance. If you have no coverage check 'Self Insured': Self Insured (See Instructions, Page 4) Physician Paid Employer Paid Insurance Company (Name/Address):

If you checked off "Employer Paid", please enter the name of the employer who or which paid your premiums here: _____

Policy #: _____

BACKGROUND DATA:

(All Applicants must complete)

13. Other than in Maine, I currently hold, or I have at one time held, a permanent license to practice medicine in the following states (or territories) of the United States or provinces of Canada (exclude temporary, Locum Tenens, or permits/certificates allowing training in the capacity of clinical clerk, intern, resident, or fellow): (Please make corrections to pre-printed information below)

State	Certificate #	Expiration Date	Present Status	State	Certificate #	Expiration Date	Present Status
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I have never held a permanent medical practice license except in Maine.

14. PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Check off (X) each appropriate response. Every 'YES' response must be fully explained by written statement on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Each such explanation must be cross-referenced with the question number, and must be signed, dated, and enclosed with your application.

NOTE TO MD/APPLICANT: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM YOURSELF – DO NOT DELEGATE ITS COMPLETION.

HAVE YOU EVER:

YES NO

- 1. Have you EVER had ANY licensing authority (INCLUDING MAINE) deny your application for any type of license, or take any disciplinary action against the license issued to you in that jurisdiction, including but not limited to warning, reprimand, fine, suspension, revocation, restrictions in permitted practice, probation with or without monitoring?
- 2. Have you EVER agreed with any licensing authority to voluntarily follow practice limitations, restrictions, guidelines, to make reports or to complete specific continuing education or course work?
- 3. Have you EVER been notified of the existence of allegations, investigations and/or complaints involving you, filed with or by ANY licensing authority (INCLUDING MAINE), which allegations, investigations and/or complaints remain open as of the date of this application?

SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL APPLICATION:

YES NO

- 4. Have you left a medical licensing jurisdiction (INCLUDING MAINE) while a complaint, investigation or allegation was pending?
- 5. Have you been denied registration, or had your ability to prescribe or dispense controlled substances modified, restricted, suspended, revoked, or voluntarily suspended by, or surrendered to:
 - a) The U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (US DEA)?
 - b) Any state/territory of the U. S., INCLUDING MAINE?
- 6. Has there been a finding by any state or federal court or governmental agency that you violated any rule or law regulating the practice of health care?
- 7. Has there been a finding against you in any inquiry, investigation, or administrative or judicial proceeding by an employer, educational institution, professional organization, or licensing authority, or in connection with an employment disciplinary or termination procedure?

SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL APPLICATION:

YES NO

8. Have you received a sanction or entered into any settlement agreement or integrity agreement related to Medicare, TRICARE or any state Medicaid program?

9. Health and wellness is vital for both a physician/physician assistant and the patients she/he serves. The Board strongly encourages physicians/physician assistants to take steps, including seeking treatment, when necessary to establish and maintain health and wellness. One resource available to physicians/physician assistants is the Medical Professionals Health Program (MPHP). More information about the MPHP can be found at: <https://www.mainemed.com/member-services/medical-professionals-health-program>.

The purpose of the following questions is to determine the current fitness of an applicant to safely practice medicine. The following inquiries concern current medical, mental health, and substance misuse issues that may impair the ability to safely practice. This information is treated confidentially by the Board. The mere fact of treatment for a current medical, mental health or substance misuse issue is not, by itself, a basis on which an applicant is ordinarily denied licensure when he/she has demonstrated personal responsibility and maturity in dealing with these issues. The Board strongly encourages applicants who may benefit from treatment to seek it. The Board may deny a license to applicants whose ability to safely function in the practice of medicine or whose behavior, judgment, and understanding is currently impaired to the degree that patient safety is at risk.

a. Do you have a mental or physical condition that currently impairs your ability to safely and competently practice medicine?

b. Do you currently use any chemical substance(s), including alcohol, which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety?

If any of your answers to questions 9(a-b) is "Yes," are the limitations or impairments caused by your medical, mental health, or substance misuse condition reduced or improved because you receive ongoing professional treatment (with or without medication) or because you participate in a professional monitoring program? Current voluntary participation in the Medical Professionals Health Program or similar program will be kept confidential.

10. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of illicit drugs or prescription drugs that have not been prescribed to you pursuant to a legitimate physician-patient relationship? "Legitimate" means "Being in compliance with the law or in accordance with established and accepted standards."

11. Have you furnished or provided illegal drugs to anyone other than medical marijuana per applicable state law?

12. Have you furnished prescription drugs to or written a prescription for anyone without having a legitimate physician-patient relationship (This includes conduct for which you may NOT have been adjudicated in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding)?

13. Have you been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:

Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed any drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes?

Diverted any drugs?

Violated any drug law?

Prescribed any controlled substances for yourself or family/household members?

14. Have you been charged, summonsed, indicted, arrested, or convicted of any criminal offense, including when those events have been deferred, set aside, dismissed, expunged or issued a stay of execution? Please include motor vehicle offenses such as Operating Under the Influence, but not minor traffic or parking violations.

15. Have you applied for hospital, HMO or other health care entity privileges which were denied?

16. Have you had your staff privileges or employment at any hospital, long term care facility, HMO, or other health care entity terminated, revoked, reduced, restricted in any way, suspended, made subject to probation, limited in any way, or withdrawn involuntarily?

17. Have you voluntarily surrendered privileges or resigned from staff membership during peer review or investigation or to avoid peer review or investigation?

SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL APPLICATION:

YES NO

18. Have you resigned from employment in lieu of termination or while under investigation?
19. Have you been terminated or suspended from any employment?
20. Have you been deselected from a managed care organization physician panel?
21. Have you been disciplined by a professional society or resigned while an accusation was pending?
22. Have you endangered the safety of others, breached fiduciary obligations, or violated workplace conduct rules?
23. Have you been named in any medical malpractice liability claim or lawsuit adjudicated by a court in favor of the other party, or settled by you or your insurance company/representatives with or without your express consent?
24. Do you have any open/pending malpractice claims?
25. Do you intend to practice medicine within the State of Maine without active medical staff privileges at a Maine hospital?
26. Has it been longer than 24 months since you last practiced clinical medicine?

27. The Board is concerned with physician/physician assistant health and wellness. An important piece of maintaining health and wellness is establishing a relationship with a primary health care provider who provides regular and ongoing care. The Board is conducting a voluntary survey to determine the percentage of licensees who receive ongoing and regular care from a primary care provider, and whether further education needs to be provided to licensees regarding this important issue. Please answer the following question.

- Have you been examined/evaluated by your primary health care provider within the past 24 months?
- Decline to answer

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT:

(All applicants must personally sign and date, whether applying for active or inactive renewal of license, or requesting withdrawal of licensure status.)

I have carefully read the questions in this application and have answered them completely, without reservations of any kind, and declare under penalty of law that my answers and all statements made by me herein are true and correct. Should I furnish any false information in this application, I hereby agree that such act shall constitute cause for the denial, suspension or revocation of my license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Maine, or other discipline as the Board may determine. I acknowledge my responsibility to notify the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine of my subsequent change in my status from that reported here and, in particular, to notify the Board within 10 days of a change in my place of medical practice or residence.

Date

_____, MD
Signature

_____, MD
Typed or Printed Name

For Office Use Only:

Staff Rev Date: _____ Recommendation: _____

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REPORT

For reporting CME credits earned during the previous 24 months.

The Board will allow up to 6 months to secure category I credits. You must request the extension in writing with your renewal application.

40 Category I credit hours are required to renew your license in active status. Physicians must complete 3 hours of Category 1 credit CME every two years on the prescribing of opioid medication as required by Board Rule Chapter 21 “Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain.”

The Board will routinely and regularly audit CME credits claimed. Failure to provide proof of CME credits claimed upon request by the Board may be grounds for discipline. **Therefore, it is vitally important that you retain documentation of all CME claimed.**

CATEGORY I

Category I includes programs that have received accreditation by the AMA Council on Medical Education, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical education (ACCME), or the Committee on CME of the Maine Medical Association. [Refer to Chapter 1, §11 of the Rules of the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine for specific definitions.] Category I CME’s earned outside the U.S. or Canada must be approved by the Board; therefore such activities must be separately documented.

Total Category I Credits Earned _____

Please note that the practice of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in obtaining a license constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(A).

AFFIDAVIT: I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPORT OF MY CME ACTIVITY.

Date: _____ Physician Signature: _____

Typed or Printed Name: _____, MD

Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine
Professional (Malpractice) Liability Claims Experience

Duplicate For Multiple Claims

My Name: _____

Identity of Case: _____

Date and Place of Original Occurrence: _____

Malpractice Alleged By Claimant: _____

Summary of My Defense: _____

Current Status of Case (Include payment amount): _____

Name and Address of Insurance Company and/or Attorney Defending the Case: _____
