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IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON SCAMMERS FROM THE MAINE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE August 26, 2022

Greetings Licensees:

Please be aware that there is a scam involving occupational therapist licenses issued by the Maine Board of Occupational Therapy Practice. Other states are also experiencing similar scams.

Scammers are issuing a letter stating that the licensee's occupational therapy license has been suspended by the Maine Board of Occupational Therapy Practice and will remain under temporary suspension until the licensee gets an authorization from the concerned department. The scammers also provide a number that belongs to either the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) or the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (DPFR). These scammers are contacting licensees in an effort to get licensees to share personal information. The scams are likely to vary, but they include telling the licensees that the licensing board or other regulator has opened an investigation and their license has been suspended or revoked. The scammer then asks the licensee to share or verify personal information over the phone.

If you receive a suspicious call, you should not share any personal information over the phone or by email. Licensees who think they may be a victim of a scam or attempted fraud should contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General toll-free at 800-436-2131 (TTY 711), or at 207-626-8849, or online at: maine.gov/ag/consumer/complaints/.

Licensees with questions about licensing matters can obtain information and assistance from the licensing board by contacting:

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