DELEGATION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The registration of the delegated relationship with a PA must be made with the Board. You are urged to contact the Board if you do not receive proper notice of registration within 3 weeks of submitting the Form C. Schedule 2 prescriptive delegation requirements were revised last year, and a number of requests to delegate schedule II prescribing authority have been granted by the Board. This authority must be requested by the PA and supervising physician together describing the details of the requested modification to the Plan of Supervision. The form is available online or by calling (207) 287-3604. PAs MAY NOT WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SCHEDULE 2 DRUGS UNTIL SUCH DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE BOARD, EVEN IF THE PA HAS AN ACTIVE DEA NUMBER ALLOWING SCHEDULE 2 AND 2N. TO DO SO MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE.

STREAMLINED LICENSE RENEWAL

Beginning this summer the Board will speed license renewal by verifying required CME after issuing the renewal, shortening the process by at least 10 days. After processing the renewal, for the first time, a random monthly audit will be conducted on 10 percent of licensees renewed. Therefore it becomes vitally important for applicants to retain documentation of all CME claimed on the application in case they are audited during the duration of the license period. If the CME claimed on the application cannot be verified the applicant will receive Board discipline reportable to National Practitioner Data Base.

LEGAL REMINDERS

Just a reminder that the following laws became effective September 13, 2003.

PL 418. Charges to patients or their representative for a copy of their medical record cannot exceed $10 for the first page and $3.50 per page thereafter. The Board reminds all practitioners that medical records or a summary thereof must be provided to the patient or their representative on request, in a timely manner.

PL 384. Requires a pharmacist to substitute a generic pharmaceutical if you fail to check the generic box on your prescriptions. For Medicaid patients, the substitution is dictated by their list of approved drugs.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Harry Bennert retired from the Board of Licensure in Medicine after 16 years on the Board, including 6 years as Board Secretary. Harold L. Jones, a public member, retired after serving 12 years. The contributions of both members will be missed.

NEW MEMBERS

Cheryl D. Clukey has joined the Board, replacing Harold Jones as a public member. Cheryl Clukey is a veteran educator with a variety of experience including school principal, admissions counselor, special education teacher, and gifted and talented teacher. She currently teaches dyslexic people to read in preparation for GED testing. Previous Board experience includes the Technical College Study Committee, Augusta Recreation Advisory Board and the Augusta Food Bank.

Dr. Daniel K. Onion has joined the Board replacing Dr. Harry Bennert. Dr. Onion has practiced front line medicine in Maine since 1972, first in Farmington with Rural Health Associates, and then for the last 20 years as a primary care teacher of new physicians and director of the Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency.

Committee on Physician Health
Confidential professional help for substance abuse is available by contacting Dr. David J. Simmons at 622-3374 or 623-9266.