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Our Vision

That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

Our Mission

The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

PLEASE NOTE

The GCMS Nominating Committee seeks input from members for nominations for the GCMS Presidential Citation for Lifetime Community Service. The Committee would like to be made aware of candidates for consideration.

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Practice Managers

September 12th, 2024
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 2018 Drs. Simon Talbot and Wendy Dean published an article entitled, “Physicians aren’t ‘burning out.’ They’re suffering from moral injury.” In doing so they introduced the term “moral injury” to the discourse on medicine. They define moral injury as, “betrayal by a legitimate authority in a high stakes situation that leads you to transgress deeply held moral beliefs and expectations.” Since then, the crisis has not improved. Physicians continue to feel a conflict between their original calling and the complex business of medicine.

The original Hippocratic oath focused on patients' well being and “of doing no harm.” Ibn Sina (Avicenna) in his famous Canon, a text which was to become one of the foundational texts of medicine writes,

‘Medicine is a science from which one learns the conditions of the human body with regard to health and the absence of health, the aim being to protect health when it exists and restore it when absent.’

This foundational understanding of medicine which is based upon the skill, and expertise of the professional physician seems to be continuously undermined by the increasing corporatization of medicine.

Healthcare institutions are becoming increasingly profit-driven, many have been bought out by Private equity firms. In the corporate structure, the value of the physician is measured not necessarily by qualitative improvements in patient well-being but by quantitative metrics like relative value units (RVUs), efficiency, measurable patient outcomes, and quantifiable metrics such as turn-around times.

The AMA reports that 40% of physicians are moderately considering leaving the profession. Since the pandemic 18% of physicians have already quit. The crisis extends beyond physicians to health care workers in general as the short-staffing across hospitals bears testament.

A return to increased physician autonomy is needed. The return of a more humanistic form of medicine is needed. A place where physicians can practice their profession with authority and compassion so that doctors can treat patients and not metrics. An approach which in the end will improve the health and well-being of society at-large and bring to an end physician burnout.



DR. MACKSOOD AFTAB, D.O.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I have often stated, attending different events and networking representing the Genesee County Medical Society is the best part of the Executive Director position.

It is a position that has no boundaries and takes me throughout the county.

In April I received an invitation from Joe Jacot to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Michigan Vascular Wound Care Clinic.

This would be another new experience as GCMS Executive Director, my first ribbon cutting ceremony.

On May 1, 2024, I arrived at the wound care facility located just west of the Michigan Vascular main Flint office on Bristol Road.

Joe Jacot gave me a tour of the facility and showed me two brand new hyperbaric oxygen chambers purchased to offer a new technology for the facility.

Hyperbaric chamber therapy is used to help promote wound healing. A new treatment now offered by Michigan Vascular for wounds that have been difficult to heal properly.

The hyperbaric chamber therapy for promoting wound healing takes multiple treatments. Each treatment can be up to a few hours in duration in an oxygen rich chamber environment.

The ceremony began with a speech from Dr. Mark Mattos and former GCMS Board Member Dr. Scott Garner.

Dr. Jennifer Baker performed the ribbon cutting, with assistance from the Flint Chamber of Commerce. The local news station FOX attended the ceremony, interviewing Joe and filming the ribbon cutting event.

The ceremony was well attended with at least fifty individuals.

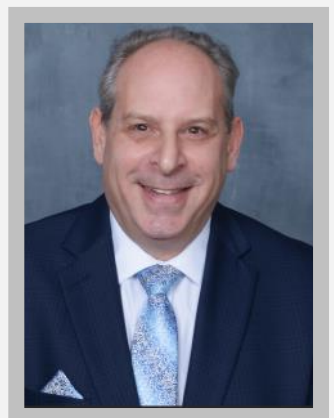
Michigan Vascular provided refreshments and a gift bag for all attendees.

I would like to thank Joe Jacot and Michigan Vascular for the invitation, I enjoyed attending the event.

If your office has a special event and would like the Genesee County Medical Society present, please contact David Hoff.

For more information on the hyperbaric chamber wound therapy or to contact David Hoff:

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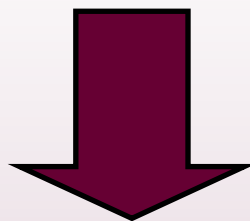


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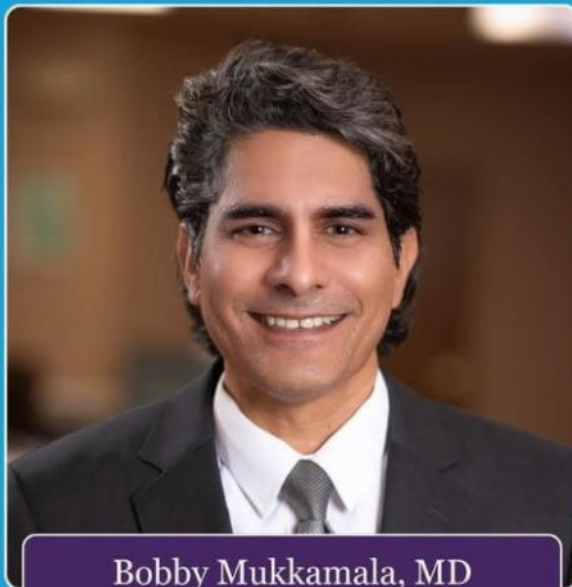
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AMA NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS



Bobby Mukkamala, MD
President-elect

[Bobby Mukkamala, MD](#), an otolaryngologist from Flint, Michigan, was voted president-elect of the AMA by physicians and medical students gathered at the 2024 AMA Annual Meeting. Following a year-long term as president-elect, Dr. Mukkamala will be inaugurated as AMA president in June 2025.

“It is a turbulent time to be a physician in this country,” said Dr. Mukkamala. “Challenges like an unsustainable Medicare payment system, excessive prior authorization, and physician burnout have put our health system in a precarious place. But the AMA is fighting these battles in Congress, in state capitals, and in our communities to achieve a better future where physicians can spend more time with their patients. I am honored to be chosen by my peers as the AMA’s president-elect and I am eager to continue [fighting for better health care](#) for all our communities.”

Read full article here: [Bobby Mukkamala, MD, wins office of AMA president-elect | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#)

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*This months meeting was very informative with staff from **MOLINA** onboard to answer any questions and address concerns. We are getting closer to a face to face meeting in the near future with everyone soon in reference to issues that are affecting the Office Management staff.*



Let's
Work
Together



Please join us the 2nd Thursday of the month at **9:00 am via zoom by emailing executivedirector@gcms.org ! Hope to see you there.

*****Next meeting will be 9/12/24***

Osteopathic Physician (DO) Licensure Requirements

Each osteopathic physician is required to accumulate 150 hours of continuing education in activities approved by the board during the 3 years immediately preceding the application for renewal of which a minimum of 60 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned through Category 1 programs. Following are other license requirements for:

Controlled Substance Licenses:

Opioids and Other Controlled Substances Awareness Training Standards for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education for an individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

Licenses that prescribe or dispense controlled substances who renewed in 2019 must complete training by January 2023; renewals for 2020 by 2024, renewals for 2021 by 2025. Beginning in September 2019, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content must cover all of the following topics:

- ◆ Use of opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ Integration of treatments.
- ◆ Alternative treatments for pain management.
- ◆ Counseling patients on the effects and risks associated with using opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ The stigma of addiction.
- ◆ Utilizing the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).
- ◆ State and federal laws regarding prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.
- ◆ Security features and proper disposal requirements for prescriptions.

For Medical Licenses:

Training Standards for Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education. Licensees renewing for 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2018 by 2021, and renewals for 2019 by 2022. Beginning in 2021, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content shall cover all of the following:

- ◆ Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in this state or the United States.
- ◆ Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings.
- ◆ Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors.
- ◆ Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

Education on Pain and Symptom Management

A minimum of 3 hours of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle. At least 1 of the 3 hours must include controlled substances prescribing.

Continuing education hours may include, but are not limited to, any of the following areas:

- ◆ Public health burden of pain.
- ◆ Ethics and health policy related to pain.
- ◆ Michigan pain and controlled substance laws.
- ◆ Pain definitions.
- ◆ Basic sciences related to pain including pharmacology.
- ◆ Clinical sciences related to pain.
- ◆ Specific pain conditions.
- ◆ Clinical physician communication related to pain.
- ◆ Management of pain, including evaluation and treatment and nonpharmacological and pharmacological management.
- ◆ Ensuring quality pain care and controlled substances prescribing.
- ◆ Michigan programs and resources relevant to pain.

Medical Ethics

A minimum of one-hour of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle.

Implicit Bias

A minimum of 3 hours every 3-year relicensure cycle. New licensees need 2 hours within the 5 years immediately preceding.

Renewals from June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023, need 1 hour; renewals from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024, need 2 hours; renewals from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025, need 3 hours. Then after, every 3-year renewal cycle will need to report 3 hours. (Any hours after June 2021 can be used.)

Training must include strategies to reduce disparities in access to and delivery of health care services and the administration of pre- and post-test implicit bias assessments.

Acceptable modalities of training include asynchronous teleconference or webinars, in addition to live activities and live webinars.

Training content must include, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following topics:

- ◆ Information on implicit bias, equitable access to health care, serving a diverse population, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and cultural sensitivity.
- ◆ Strategies to remedy the negative impact of implicit bias by recognizing and understanding how it impacts perception, judgment, and actions that may result in inequitable decision making, failure to effectively communicate, and result in barriers and disparities in the access to and delivery of health care services.
- ◆ The historical basis and present consequences of implicit biases based on an individual's characteristics.
- ◆ Discussion of current research on implicit bias in the access to and delivery of health care services.

Medical Doctor (MD) Licensure Requirements

Each medical doctor is required to complete 150 hours of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the board of which a minimum 75 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned in courses or programs designated as Category 1 programs. Other license requirements are listed here:

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ATTENTION

A bright yellow starburst graphic with multiple points, containing text.

9:00 A.M.

Via Zoom

**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS
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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern
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WHAT CLINICIANS NEED TO KNOW

Legislation was signed in April 2022 through the support of the MSMS-initiated and led Health Can't Wait, a coalition with more than 50 healthcare, clinician, and patient advocacy organizations. This legislation puts more control back in the hands of clinicians and patients.

Public Act 60 of 2022 provides prior authorization (PA) reform with the goal of a quicker, more effective, and more transparent process. It does not repeal PA.

All provisions will be fully in effect as of **June 1, 2023**, including major components such as electronic submission and faster timelines.

These reforms apply to health care insurers (and their contracted third-party vendors) and healthcare professionals whose beneficiaries/patients have commercial insurance policies regulated by the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. **They do not impact Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or self-funded plans.**

Check insurers' provider news, updates, portals, etc. to learn of any new processes related to online submission, appeals, eligibility, and PA requirements related to the law's implementation.

Please review the key provisions below for additional details and requirements.

Electronic Submissions

Beginning June 1, 2023:

- Insurers **must provide** an online method through which practitioners can electronically submit PA requests for any benefits requiring PA, including prescription drugs. Facsimiles do not count as an acceptable method.
- Physicians and other health care professionals **must submit** PA requests electronically. The only exception is for a temporary technological or electrical failure.

Timeliness of Decisions

	Urgent		Non-Urgent	
	Timeframe	Considered Granted	Timeframe	Considered Granted
Beginning June 1, 2023	Acted upon within 72 hours	Insurer fails to act after 72 hours	Within nine (9) calendar days	Insurer fails to act after nine (9) calendar days
After May 1, 2024	Acted upon within 72 hours	Insurer fails to act after 72 hours	Within seven (7) calendar days	Insurer fails to act after seven (7) calendar days
Valid for	A minimum of 60 days or the length of time that's clinically appropriate, whichever is longer			

NOTE: If you are requested to provide additional information, it is important to do so as quickly as possible as the turnaround time noted above will reset and the insurer will be required to make a determination following the receipt of the additional information within the prescribed timelines for urgent or non-urgent requests.

Review by Peers

Puts conditions on health care practitioners reviewing appeals (e.g., no financial stake in decision, not involved in prior denial, etc.). Any adverse determinations regarding a PA request for a non-pharmacy benefit must be made by a licensed physician and by a physician or pharmacist for a pharmacy benefit. If a denial is appealed, the denial cannot be affirmed unless it has been reviewed by a licensed physician who is board-certified or eligible in the same specialty as the service provided. An exception is allowed if finding such an individual would delay a decision within the required timeframe. In this instance, a physician in a similar general specialty could be utilized.

Clinical Validity

PA requirements must be based on peer-reviewed clinical review criteria. The criteria must:

- Take into account the needs of atypical patient populations and diagnoses.
- Reflect community standards of care.
- Ensure quality of care and access to needed health care services.
- Be evidence-based criteria.
- Be publicly available free of charge.
- Be sufficiently flexible to allow deviations from norms when justified on a case-by-case basis.
- Be evaluated and updated, if necessary, at least annually.

Transparency

PA requirements, including amendments, must be publicly and conspicuously posted online within a specified timeline. Insurers are also required to submit an annual report to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) which must include aggregated trend data related to the insurer's PA practices and experience for the prior plan year. DIFS shall post an annual report with aggregated data by October 1 of each year.

In cases of PA denials, the health care professional must be notified of the reasons for the denial and related evidence-based criteria, their right to appeal, instructions on how to file the appeal, and any other documentation necessary to support the appeal.

Gold Carding

Insurers are required to adopt a program that promotes the modification of certain PA requirements based on health care professionals' adherence to nationally recognized evidence-based medical guidelines and other quality guidelines.

Health Can't Wait is a coalition of patients, physicians, and health care providers dedicated to putting Michigan patients first and ending delays in patients' access to health care:

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American Lung Association in MI
American Medical Association
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www.healthcantwait.org

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As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank GCMSA Board members for their guidance and support. I was very new to the Alliance but due to good mentors, I learned quickly! I felt proud to be a part of a wonderful group that makes a positive difference in the community. It was a great feeling to help YWCA Women's Shelter, Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, Genesee School Academy and sponsor a meaningful event like Peace and Unity Day. I thank the prestigious GCMS Board of directors for their support. Congratulations and best wishes to JoyDawn Hardman, having been a past president, she will do an excellent job!



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Vijay Lakshmi Sayal

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The Geranium Luncheon, the last event of the year, was beautifully organized by the program committee, Liesbeth Fernandez and Beth Schumacher. Kathy Cox, Sabita Tummala, Elizabeth Jordan, Cheryl Thoms, Feroza Raffee and Tinsi Kline did a great job putting it together. We are grateful to the honorable GCMS President Dr. Macksood Aftab, Executive Director David Hoff and the Executive Assistant Melissa Keller for attending the GCMSA Geranium Luncheon. Our Fabulous GCMSA models, Beth Schumacher, Liesbeth Fernandez, JoyDawn Hardman, Kathy Felix Bouvier, and Tinsi Kline added great fun to the event.



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- ◆ GCMS hosts monthly Practice Manager's meeting discussing complicated insurance issues in round table discussions with various insurance companies. If you find on-going insurance issues, please reach out to GCMS staff at executivedirector@gcms.org and we can connect that insurance company representative with our hard working Practice Managers.
 - ◆ GCMS staff helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
 - ◆ GCMS Membership Committee has collaborated and has a plan in place to reach out to and meet with various practices in Genesee County. If you have colleagues that are not yet GCMS members, please connect with them!
- **** A flyer of GCMS benefits can be provided to you.

PRESIDENT'S BALL, NOVEMBER 2, 2024!!!

The President's Ball is approaching quickly, if you would like to sponsor, please click the link below. Thank you for your support!

*It will be at The Sloan Museum of
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*Just click the link at the bottom of the
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MI Health Prof. Recovery Corp..... 800/453-3784

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PO Box 950 East Lansing, MI 48826 | Membership Fax Line: 517-336-5716

Please email or call if you have any member benefit questions!



Important Update:

Good Morning, Friends of Commit to Fit!

The Commit to Fit website (commit2fit.com) has now been terminated. Both monthly resource calendars for nutrition and physical activity can be found on the Greater Flint Health Coalition's [website](#) moving forward.

Please click the following links to review either the online or PDF versions of each calendar.

- Nutrition Resource Calendar: [Online](#) | [PDF](#)
- Fitness Class Calendar: [Online](#) | [PDF](#)

Should you have any questions or wish to receive the calendars directly, email commit2fit@flint.org or call (810)232-2228.




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For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Data Dashboard for Genesee County](#)

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For Reporting



EMPLOYERS + SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:
Do you need to report a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 case?
Click the button to email the Communicable Disease team at GCHD-CD@gchd.us or call (810) 257-1017

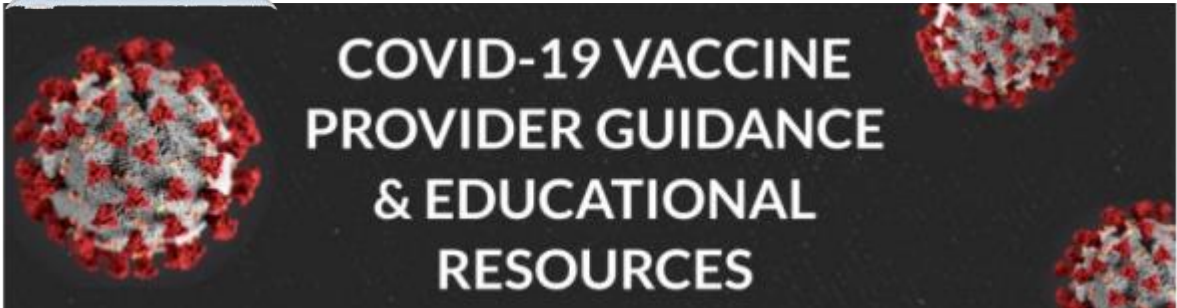
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For State of Michigan Covid-19 Information





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**COVID-19 VACCINE
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COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates how diseases without vaccines can devastate economic and public health. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases. In the U.S., there is currently no approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. MDHHS is working with the CDC and Michigan stakeholders to prepare and plan for when the vaccine is available. The initial draft of our state's plan is now available and will be updated often in the coming months. Visit regularly for the most recent information on the COVID-19 vaccine and Michigan's preparations.

[COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN](#)

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Please contact **David Hoff** Executive Director to register your office for discounted services.

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Easy Ways to Donate to the Medical Society Foundation:

The Medical Society Foundation is engaged in a Capitol Campaign. The purpose of the Campaign is to grow the corpus to support the charitable activities of the Genesee County Medical Society. Those activities include public and community health, support for the underserved, and wellness initiatives.

To continue its good work, the Medical Society Foundation is asking you to consider leaving a legacy gift to the Foundation. If all, or even a significant portion of our membership left just a small part of our estates to the Foundation, the Foundation could continue helping this community in so many ways, by supporting the Medical Society.

To make a gift, simply use these words:

In your Trust, "Grantor directs Trustee to distribute ___% of all assets then held in Trust or later added to this Trust to the Medical Society Foundation, to be held in an endowed fund and used in the discretion of its then existing board of directors in furtherance of the purposes of the Foundation."

In your Will, "I give, devise and bequeath ___% of my Estate to the Medical Society Foundation, to be held in an endowed fund and used in the discretion of its then existing Board of Directors in furtherance of the purposes of the Foundation."

While this is not a subject that is comfortable to broach, it is an opportunity to support the Foundation which supports the Medical Society's charitable activities on behalf of the membership. Please give. You can give via a trust or will. You can give from your IRA. You can give appreciated stock, and you can give cash. Please support the organization which does so much on behalf of the medical community and the patients we serve.



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Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act/Medication Access and Training Expansion Act and Corresponding State Modifications

June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

Most practitioners are now aware that Congress has passed the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act that removed the federal "DATA 2000" or "DATA-Waiver Program," and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that established a one-time training on substance use disorder for practitioners who prescribe controlled substances when they obtain or renew their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. In light of these changes, which are intended to educate practitioners and reduce barriers to obtaining medications for opioid use disorder (OUD) by eliminating burdens on providers who currently prescribe medications and new providers who wish to treat patients with OUD, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) would like to convey the following corresponding changes at the state level:

- The new DEA one-time 8-hour training requirement is effective June 27, 2023. Effective on this date, or the date on which the DEA requires the 8-hour training in the event the effective date is delayed, and until further notice, a practitioner required to attend a one-time opioid and controlled substances awareness training by the state's Controlled Substances Rules, may use the 8 hours of training that is accepted by the DEA for their controlled substances registration to also meet the state's required one-time training on opioids and other controlled substances awareness.
- In addition, R 338.3163 that limits prescribing, dispensing and administering a controlled substance to an individual with a substance use disorder will not be enforced by BPL until the rule is either modified or rescinded. This rule limited the circumstances under which a practitioner could treat an individual with substance use disorder, as well as the number of individuals that could be treated. All other laws and rules, both federal and state, must still be followed.

For more information about the elimination of the DATA-Waiver Program, and DEA's 8-hour substance disorder training, please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html

! [MATE Training Letter Final.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

Questions may be sent to : BPLHelp@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing
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- I am in my second year of practice post-residency.
- I am in my third year of practice post-residency.
- I have moved into Michigan; this is my first year practicing in the state.
- I work 20 hours or less per week.
- I am currently in active military duty.
- I am in full, active practice.
- I am a resident/fellow.

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*Please base my county medical society membership on the county of my (if addresses are in different counties): Office Address Home Address

*Birth Date: ____/____/____ Birth Country _____ MI Medical License #: _____ ME #: _____

Medical School _____ Graduation Year: _____ ECFMG # (if applicable) _____

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• Primary Specialty _____ Board Certified: Yes No

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Is your spouse a physician?: Yes No If yes, are they a member of MSMS?: Yes No

Within the last five years, have you been convicted of a felony crime?: Yes No If "yes," please provide full information: _____

Within the last five years, have you been the subject of any disciplinary action by any medical society or hospital staff?: Yes No

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I agree to support the County Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, the Michigan State Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, and the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association as applied by the AMA and the MSMS Judicial Commission.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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