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

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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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### **GCMS Meetings**

#### **Legislative Meeting**

TBD—February 2ND, 2026 or March 2ND, 2026  
9:00 A.M

#### **Practice Manager Meeting**

November 13th, 9:00 A.M

#### **GCMS/GCMSA 2025 President's Ball**

November 22nd, 2025  
5:00 P.M.  
Sloan Museum Of Discovery  
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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Flint Celebrates the Leadership and Legacy of Dr. Aaron Sousa

A Retirement Gathering Was Held at the Flint Institute of Arts

October 16, 2025 a retirement farewell reception was held in honor of Dr. Aron Sousa, recognizing his dedication to the Michigan State University (MSU) College of Human Medicine.

The event was held at the Flint Institute of Arts, with catering provided by Redwood Lodge. The host for this event were Drs. Mona HannaAttisha and Jennifer EdwardsJohnson.

Dr. Sousa was employed by Michigan State University for over than 29 years. In April 2022 the MSU Board of Trustees approved his appointment as the seventh Dean of the MSU College of Human Medicine.

Prior to the appointment, Dr. Sousa twice held the role of Interim Dean. From June 2015 through September 2016, and again beginning November 2019.

He served over 13 years as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and he oversaw MSU's community-based medical education programs statewide.

Under Dr. Sousa's leadership, enrollment at MSU increased, and three new two-year clinical campuses were created in Traverse City, Midland, and Southeast Michigan.

He served as principal investigator on major grants from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

These grants enabled the growth of the Flint Campus, including a 40,000-square-foot research facility which opened August 2025.

Dr. Sousa is a practicing general internist, and earned his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Beginning November 10, 2025, Dr. Sousa will assume the role of President and Chief Executive Officer at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Illinois

The Genesee County Medical Society extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Sousa for his influence in strengthening MSU's medical education in Flint and across Michigan.

GCMS wishes Dr. Sousa the best in his next chapter of leadership!



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### **AMA Applauds Proposal to Expand Nutrition Education in Physician Training**

CHICAGO — The American Medical Association (AMA) strongly supports the Liaison Committee on Medical Education’s (LCME) proposal to enhance nutrition education across all U.S. MD programs, pending public comment and final approval. Expanded integration of nutritional science in medical education aligns with AMA policy advocating for evidence-based nutrition instruction throughout undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education.

With physicians spending at least seven years in medical school and residency in rigorous training, this proposal builds on that foundation by preparing physicians to address diet and lifestyle in patient care. The AMA commends the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Secretary Kennedy for prioritizing nutrition in physician training to improve patient health outcomes.

“Good nutrition is essential to preventing and managing chronic disease, and this increased focus in medical training will ensure physicians are fully equipped to help patients live healthier lives,” said AMA President Bobby Mukkamala, M.D. “While nutrition has long been part of medical school curricula, this proposal moves beyond checking a box to making sure graduates put that knowledge into practice with clear expectations and measurable outcomes. The AMA looks forward to working with medical schools to develop nutrition education that will benefit our patients.”

The AMA Ed Hub™ offers several CME modules to help physicians expand their knowledge of nutritional science, including [Nutrition and Health](#), [Nutrition Science for Health and Longevity: What Every Physician Needs to Know](#), and [Nutrition Training for Medical Students and Residents](#). Developed in collaboration with leading experts and the nonprofit Gaples Institute, these interactive, self-paced programs equip physicians and trainees with practical, evidence-based skills to counsel patients effectively and integrate nutrition into everyday patient care.



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[Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations Inclusive of All Women at Average Risk: Update from the ACR and Society of Breast Imaging | Cancer Screening, Prevention, Control | Journal of the American College of Radiology | AMA Ed Hub](#)

These guidelines aim to reduce mortality rates and improve treatment outcomes through early detection. Women are encouraged to discuss their individual risk factors and screening options with their healthcare providers to make informed decisions about their breast health.



*FROM THE DESK OF THE  
GCMSA PRESIDENT...Amanda Bauer~*

# GCMSA

ON SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> GCMSA KICKED OFF THEIR FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON. MEMBERS COOKED AUTHENTIC FOOD FROM THEIR CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS. ITEMS WERE ALSO COLLECTED AND DONATED TO THE YWCA WOMEN'S SHELTER. THE EVENT WAS GRACIOUSLY HOSTED AT RUQSANA AHMED'S BEAUTIFUL HOME.

ON OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> OUR MEMBERS ATTENDED THE PEACE AND UNITY DAY EVENT AND PRESENTED GIFT CARDS TO THE WINNERS OF THE PEACE ESSAYS. PAST PRESIDENT DR. ELIZABETH JORDAN SPOKE ON HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENESEE COUNTY WITH THE REACH OUT AND READ PROGRAM.

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- PRESIDENT'S BALL
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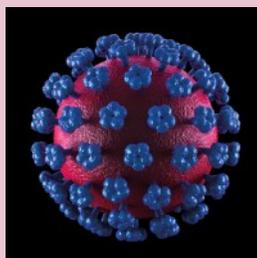
# From the AMA



New York state confirms first locally acquired case of *chikungunya*

The [Washington Post](#) (10/15, Bisset, Moon, Li) reports New York state health officials “confirmed the first locally acquired case of chikungunya in the United States in six years,” and the first-ever “locally acquired case of chikungunya in New York.” The Nassau County’s health department said an unnamed resident “had not reported any foreign travel before experiencing symptoms in early August.” County officials also “said on Tuesday they had not found chikungunya in local mosquitoes.”

The [AP](#) (10/15) reports that the “type of mosquito known to carry chikungunya is present in parts of the New York City metropolitan area, including suburban Long Island. The disease cannot be spread directly from one person to another.” State Health Commissioner James McDonald said that since mosquitoes are less active during the fall’s cooler temperatures, the current risk of transmission is “very low.”



## 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.

Licensees 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:

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- ◆ 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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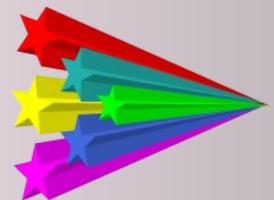
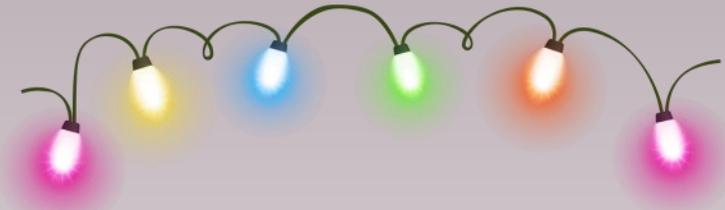
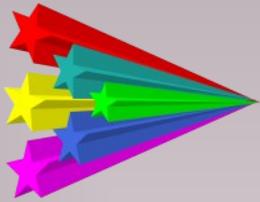
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### Important Update: MMR Vaccination Guidelines

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of a child in Texas due to measles, a disease that can be prevented through vaccination. This loss reminds us how important it is to protect our communities.

Texas is currently facing a measles outbreak with 146 confirmed cases as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. This situation is a stark reminder that measles is still a serious threat, even though it was thought to be eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

Vaccines are our best defense against measles. The MMR vaccine, when given in two doses at the appropriate time, stops over 97% of measles infections. Our community is vulnerable, with an [81% MMR vaccination](#) rate which is significantly lower than recommended rate for community immunity. This makes it one of our most powerful tools to keep people healthy.

To help our healthcare teams respond to this situation, we are sharing an important update on vaccination guidelines. This information will help us better serve and protect our community during this challenging time.

#### MMR Vaccination Guidelines

##### Presumed Immunity and Vaccination Recommendations:

- Adults born before 1957 are generally presumed to have immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Healthcare workers should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine.
- Certain medical conditions may require 2 doses of MMR as per CDC guidelines.
- The minimum spacing is 28 days.

##### Special Considerations:

- Adults vaccinated in the 1960s with an inactivated or unknown type of measles vaccine should receive at least one dose of MMR.

##### Current Childhood Immunization Schedule:

- One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% protective against measles.
- There is currently no need to deviate from the current recommended childhood immunization schedule.
- Children can wait until age 4 for the second dose, especially given no evidence of transmission in our community.
- One dose will also help protect against severe disease if infected.

##### Early Vaccination for Infants:

- There is no need to start vaccination earlier than age 1 given the current state of the outbreak. We will notify you immediately if this recommendation changes.



- CDC recommends that infants >6 months and <12 years who are **traveling internationally** should receive a dose of MMR vaccine prior to travel.
- Given the current outbreak, we recommend this dose for infants **traveling** with their parents to **West Texas**.
- Any dose given before 12 months does **NOT** count toward the MMR series (0 dose).
- Children will still need two doses following the normal childhood immunizations schedule.

**Contraindications:**

MMR and other live vaccines should NOT be given to individuals with:

- Pregnancy
- HIV infection with CD4 count <15% or <200m
- Severe immunodeficiency (consult with healthcare provider)
- Certain immunosuppressant medications, including:
  - High-dose steroids (≥2 weeks of daily 20 mg or 2 mg/kg body weight of prednisone or equivalent)
  - Specific biologics (e.g., Humira)
  - Chemotherapy
- Recent receipt of antibody-containing blood products (within past 11 months)

**Additional Resources:**

- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Measles Preparedness Toolkit](#)

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary. For comprehensive information on contraindications and precautions, please consult our [immunizations team](#) or refer to official [CDC guidelines](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michela Corsi'.

Michela Corsi, MD, MPH, MA  
Medical Director, Genesee County Health Department

**ATTENTION**

**9:00 A.M.**

**\*\*Via  
Zoom**

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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern  
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# Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Health Care Providers Guide to In-Office  
Testing and Prevention



GENESEE COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# DISCONTINUATION-Measles-IgM Testing



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Laboratory System Partner,

Effective immediately, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) will no longer offer measles IgM testing due to a manufacturer kit recall. Specimens submitted for measles IgM testing will be forwarded to partner laboratories for testing.

Measles RT-PCR and measles IgG testing are not impacted and remain available at the BOL.

For questions regarding this change, please contact:

Virology Section Manager, Dr. Katie Margulieux, [MargulieuxK@michigan.gov](mailto:MargulieuxK@michigan.gov) 517-335-8099, or

Viral Serology Unit Manager, Kristine Smith, [SmithK8@michigan.gov](mailto:SmithK8@michigan.gov) 517-335-8100.



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- ◆ 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!  
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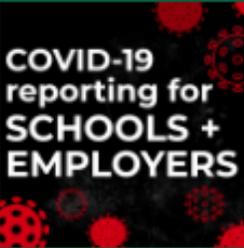
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**For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers**

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

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**EMPLOYERS + SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:**

Do you need to report a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 case?

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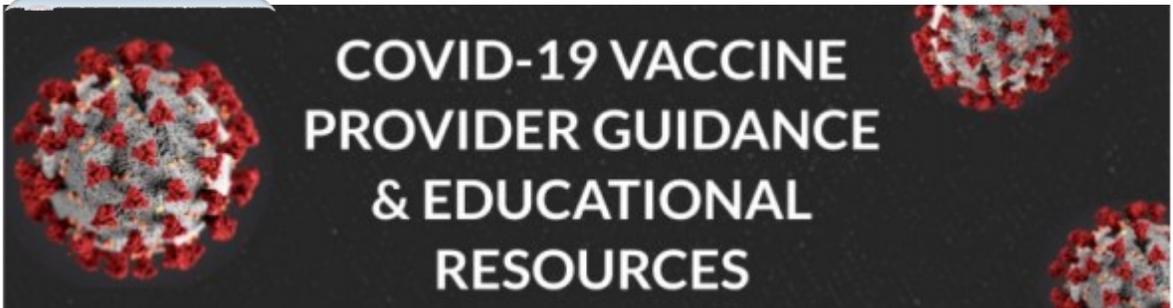
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**For State of Michigan Covid-19 Information**





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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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## EXCITING NEWS

### FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY...

The Michigan State Medical Society is excited to announce a significant enhancement to the benefits of membership. **Beginning December 2, 2024, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) will offer FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME) to all active members\***

MSMS aims to support the professional development of all Michigan physicians and ensure access to the latest medical knowledge and practices. MSMS offers a diverse range of educational offerings to help physicians stay informed and compliant with all licensure requirements in an ever-evolving health care landscape. This new membership benefit provides a **value of more than \$8000**. MSMS invites you to deepen your impact and become engaged in the dynamic changes taking place in Michigan's medical landscape by becoming a member of MSMS.

**Every physician in Michigan can make the most of this exciting new benefit by joining the Michigan State Medical Society today!**

**Call 517-336-5716**

**to enjoy the privileges of membership in the Michigan State Medical Society.**

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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."

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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.



**Don't Forget!**  
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# MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



Did you know that all donations made to the **Medical Society Foundation** are 100% Tax-deductible? If you are interested in donating, or if you have any further questions, please contact

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TO LEARN MORE, VISIT  
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To support the needs of physicians and health care providers struggling with stress, burnout, and the effects of COVID-19, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and VITAL WorkLife have partnered to offer a comprehensive set of well being resources and confidential counseling services for their use, SafeHaven™.





Commit to Fit provides nutrition, physical activity, and healthy food access programming throughout Flint and Genesee County with a focus on disadvantaged communities and a commitment to forging strong relationships with community-based organizations (CBOs) and residents. Its nutrition education combines the SNAP-Ed Fork and the Road and The Learning Kitchen interventions with the Cooking with Kids program, which demonstrates to residents of all ages how to eat healthily on a budget, how to incorporate produce unique to Michigan into their diets, and how small changes in what they eat can make huge differences in their health.

### Empowering Health in Genesee County

The power of partnership lies at the heart of the Greater Flint Health Coalition – a broad cross-sector collaboration between Flint and Genesee County’s leadership including public health, physicians, hospitals, health insurers, safety-net providers, businesses, education, community-based organizations, non-profits, government, policymakers, labor, media, and local residents.



## 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](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](mailto:BPLHelp@michigan.gov).

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing  
Licensing Division



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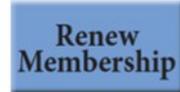


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 I am in my third year of practice post-residency.       I am in full, active practice.  
 I have moved into Michigan; this is my first year practicing in the state.       I am a resident/fellow.

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First (legal) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  MD  DO

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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

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Residency Program \_\_\_\_\_ Program Completion Year \_\_\_\_\_

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• Secondary Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Board Certified:  Yes  No

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If "yes," please provide full information: \_\_\_\_\_

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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