



Objectives

- § Understand organization of Medical Licensing Board
- § Understand primary roles of Medical Licensing Board
- § Review new legislation regarding controlled substance prescriptions and treatment
- § Describe the complaint process
- § Identify common pitfalls

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Medical Licensing Board
of Indiana

- Housed within Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
- The Board is primarily responsible for protecting the public
- Board members meet 11 times a year

Major Roles of the Medical Licensing Board



Licensing

Enforcement

Rulemaking

Types of Licenses

Individual Licenses	Facility Licenses	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Acupuncture-Dietitian-Anesthesiologist Asst.-Genetic Counselor-Training permits-MD/DO-Diabetes Educator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Volunteer Health Care Registry Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Controlled substance registrations-Telemedicine certifications-Volunteer Health Care Registry registrations

Enforcement

Discipline

Inspection

Discipline

Disciplinary action on licenses



Hearings and decisions generally occur at monthly board meetings



Types of discipline the board takes: censure, reprimand, fine, probation, suspension, revocation

Inspections

Conducted by Indiana
Board of Pharmacy

Related only to issuance
of controlled substance
registration

Rulemaking

- § Rulemaking is advanced by the Medical Licensing Board
- § The Board enforces laws via discipline
- § The board has no official stance on any legislation
- § The board sets policy through rulemaking and disciplinary orders



SEA 141 (2019)

Office-based
opioid treatment

New regulations apply to physicians providing or supervising office-based opioid treatment

Does not apply to care rendered in correctional facilities, hospitals, facilities licensed by DMHA or ISDH, a DMHA certified opioid treatment program, state institution, or the Indiana Veteran's Home

Prerequisites to provide OBOT


SAMSHA
waiver

DEA
registration


Abide by
laws

OBOT Requirements

Age, assessment & examination, substance use history, mental health assessment



Informed consent & establish treatment agreement, prescribe OBOT & require office visits*, evaluate progress with treatment agreement, perform toxicology screening



Review INSPECT, child-bearing female considerations, prescribe overdose intervention drug, provide ongoing psychosocial supportive therapy

* If appropriate

SEA 176 (2019)

Electronic
prescribing

**Mandatory for all controlled
substance prescriptions
beginning January 1, 2021**

Exceptions and waivers

HEA 1007 (2019)

Assessment of
substance use
disorder in
pregnancy

**Applies only to providers
who provide maternity
health care services**

**Use of verbal screening
tool to assess substance
use disorder in pregnancy**

Who receives physician complaints?


- § Complaints about physicians can be filed via a link on the **Medical Licensing Board** webpage
- § This link will redirect you to the state attorney general office. The state attorney general acts as the prosecutor, and investigates complaints
- § Complaints will always remain confidential UNLESS the attorney general chooses to press charges. Then complaints are discussed at one of the monthly board meetings
- § If a complaint is brought forward at a board meeting, the board will act as the judge, and determine necessary discipline if any

Common pitfalls

Record-
keeping

Failure to use
INSPECT

Failure to
adjust
treatment



What questions do you have?

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