



OPP Board Decision and Action Agenda  
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State Board Of Orthotics, Prosthetics, & Pedorthics

**Represent!**

Another O&P Practitioner seat “times out” near the end of this year, as does the Consumer members’ spot – **Bill Neu, LPO**, and **Robert Reed, Consumer Member**, will have served for two consecutive terms. We are aware of an applicant for the Consumer position, but the process is still open to those who may be interested and willing.

**Terms are for three years** and an initial term is subject to re-appointment at the discretion of the Governor. Appointment authority is vested in the Governor, and the Governor’s office is interested in the active involvement of stakeholders and professional associations in forwarding candidates for consideration. Active, informed and committed-to-service licensees are encouraged to consider the leadership opportunity. Contact the office for further information, and see the application:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application.pdf>

**New licenses approved**

Orthotics-Prosthetics

**None**

Orthotics

Prosthetics

**BIBBINS, Rafiel** – TEMP (holds LO)

Pedorthics

**None**

TEMP Licenses Upgraded by Completion of Requirements:

- Michael **Phillips**, LP – passed exams
- Jacqueline **Lambert**, LPO – passed exams
- Stacey **Summerfield**, LO – passed exams

**The OPP Board and Social Media**

To better serve Ohio Orthotic, Prosthetic, and Pedorthic practitioners and consumers, the Board is developing a social media strategy. Watch for Board updates on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OhioOPPBd>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/OhioOPPBd>).

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## **Legislative Alert: Bill to Exempt Diabetic Therapeutic Shoe Fitters Moves to Senate**

[House Bill 326](#) seeks to fully exempt diabetic therapeutic shoe fitting from the scope of regulated Orthotic and Pedorthic services. While it sets forth certain baseline standards for persons providing the service, it would remove this Board's authority to assure minimum standards are observed and would open up the service to anyone who has taken a 20-hour manufacturer's training course. The Board has approved a [Position Paper](#) as regards the proposal, click the link to download.

Licensees and stakeholders are encouraged to contact the bill sponsors and Senate Commerce and Labor Committee members, and their own state representatives and senators at the following links:

House: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/> or call 1-800-282-0253

Senate: <http://www.ohiosenate.gov/senate/index> or call 1-800-282-0253

## **Board Proposes Expanded Coverage for Orthopedic Shoes**

The Board proposed an amendment to Rule 5160-10-12, Orthopedic Shoes and Foot Orthoses to the Ohio Department of Medicaid for consideration during its rule review process. The expansion would cover orthopedic shoes when not an integral part of a brace for beneficiaries "with documented diagnoses of moderate or severe peripheral neuropathy or peripheral arterial disease."

Diabetics who present with certain symptoms/conditions in their feet and legs have an additional risk of amputation. For treatment and prevention, there is already an allowance to provide protective shoes and inserts specifically approved for diabetics.

This benefit is provided by Medicare nationally as well as Ohio Medicaid, and most private payers as well. In addition to a pair of shoes, either heat-moldable or custom-made inserts are provided that allow for a comfortable fit and conform to the feet to provide 'total contact'.

However, there are two distinct populations that are considerably at risk of amputation of their feet but do not have any shoe or insert benefit due to the fact that they do not have diabetes. Those are:

- a) Persons that have moderate to severe peripheral neuropathy of their feet from causes other than diabetes; and
- b) Persons who have moderate to severe peripheral arterial disease of their legs and feet.

Those groups of populations are not able to avail themselves of any shoe or insert benefit to alleviate their risk since no such benefit currently exists.

The Board has submitted the proposed amended language to the Ohio Department of Medicaid for its consideration during the rule review and update process.

## **5-Year Rule Review Scheduled**

Ohio law requires agencies to review all rules at least every five years to assure they are current, relevant and essential. Please click through to our [Rule Review](#) page to participate.

[Click here](#) for a **Guide to Rule Making and Public Participation**.

## **Active Military / Veterans / Spouses Accommodations Rule Set finalized, effective**

The rule package that was considered as summarized in the [rules hearing notice](#) previously posted to this site was approved and filed with an effective date of June 27, 2014. The purposes of the rule set are:

1. To comply with the requirements of [Am. Sub. HB 98](#) of the 130th General Assembly and with [Executive Order 2013-05K](#) and directives/recommendations issued thereto.
2. Promoting opportunities for and inclusion of veterans and their spouses in the planning and execution of occupational licensing functions of administrative and regulatory agencies.
3. Providing "one-stop guidance" for veterans seeking entrance to or continuation of service in the professions regulated by this Board

## **The Board's Mission**

The Board continues to seek inclusion of OPP professionals in current Ohio allied healthcare configurations and data tracking. We have been seeking consultation with the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Because it is important for the Board and the profession to embrace healthcare expansion and recognize deficits in diversity in the care-providing community, the Board has updated its mission statement to include the following bullet point:

**"Take positive steps to increase access to care, workforce diversity and cultural competence in the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic care community."**

To read the Board's complete Mission Statement, visit our [About Us](#) page.

## **Continuing Education – A Continuing Concern**

Ohio OPP license numbers which display with a "dash-two ( - 2)" tag on the [license look-up link](#) to the Ohio eLicense Center will need to attest to accrual of at least the minimum number of mandated OPPCE units gained between January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014 for the license renewal due January 31, 2015. [ORC § 4779.20 - Renewal](#) provides as follows regarding the number of hours that will be required for reporting over the course of the 3-year reporting cycle:

*Licensed as an Orthotist or Prosthetist: 45 CE Units*  
*Licensed as an Orthotist and Prosthetist: 75 CE Units*  
*Licensed as a Pedorthist: 3 CE Units*

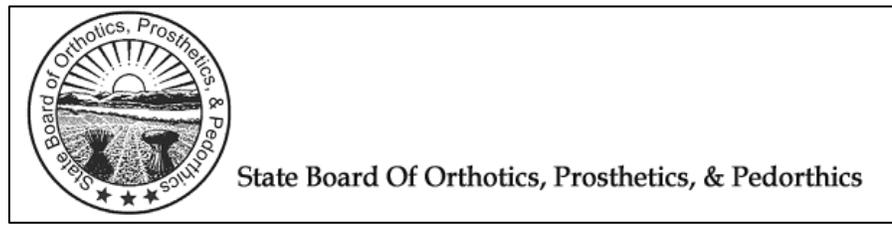
## **Human Trafficking Awareness – Ohio Steps Up**

Persons interested in tapping into the resources of the campaign and engaging in professional education to recognize signs of victimization and learn how to effectively report suspected cases may wish to bookmark the page established by the Ohio Department of Public Safety at this link:

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht/index.html#>

For a two-sheet summary of Human Trafficking Educational and Training Opportunities, click to:

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht/links/Human%20Trafficking%20Resources.pdf>



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