



OPP Board News and Notes
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State Board Of Orthotics, Prosthetics, & Pedorthics

Public Rules Hearing Held 06.09.2015

Package Moves to JCARR for consideration

In accordance with notices issued and information posted on the Board's website, the 5-year rule review package that has been pending for consideration for several months – formally filed for consideration by notice and posting on May 5, 2015 – had its public hearing on June 9, 2015, in conjunction with the June Board meeting. No witnesses testified or submitted statements in advance for the Board's consideration. The hearing concluded, and during the course of the Board meeting, the Board approved the package for final filing conditioned upon no action being taken by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. The new language is anticipated to be effective on September 1, 2015.

The major element of concern in the package is the new fee rule, Agency Rule OAC 4779-12-01. Current language [here](#). Proposed language [here](#). The Board approved a new fee schedule to be effective with the adoption of the rule, which requires changes to the fees to be posted to the Board's website at least 60 days in advance of the Board's consideration of any such change. [Click here for a chart](#) showing current fees, maximum allowable fees as specified in the revised rule, and the proposed fees to be effective as of September 1, 2015.

AVOID CE COMPLIANCE PROBLEMS BY INCORPORATING CE LEARNING INTO YOUR ANNUAL PRACTICE PROTOCOLS

Although national credentialing bodies in O&P allow certified individuals to gain mandatory Continuing Education over a 5-year time span, the state of Ohio accounting presently runs on a 3-year cycle. To stay compliant with both state and national credentialing partners, ***the State Board of Orthotics Prosthetics and Pedorthics urges its licensees to think of CE as an annual requirement:***

- ✓ 25 units per year for an LPO or dual-licensed LO/LP
- ✓ 15 units per year for an LO or LP
- ✓ 11 units per year for an LPED

OPPCE accrual requirements are "hard coded" into the language of [ORC §4779.20](#). The Board is on record in favor of changes that would allow the LPO annualized rate to more closely align with private credentialers' requirements, and **legislation is pending (see below) that could change reporting cycle requirements.** Stay current, and stay tuned.

Pending Legislation Would Require a Two-Year License Effective/Renewal Period

[HB 213](#), introduced by [Rep. Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.](#) (Eastern Hamilton County) seeks to require most if not all license-issuing agencies that administer a license valid for only one year to adopt a two-year renewal cycle. The legislative intent is to reduce the administrative burden on agencies and thus reducing costs to the state, as well as freeing licensees from the redundant and repetitive annual process.

Rep. Brinkman engaged in early outreach with agencies that would be affected, and the Board offered technical information to his office to help inform the legislation that has been introduced. The bill has been assigned to the [House Commerce and Labor Committee](#) and is pending its first hearing, not yet scheduled, for Sponsor's testimony.

Association-Board Consensus Opinion: O&P Needs to "Be In the Data"

The Big Data, that is.

Based on an initiative spearheaded by Governor Kasich's [Office of Health Transformation](#), in a partnership with the [Health Policy Institute of Ohio](#), the Ohio Colleges of Medicine [Government Resource Center](#), and the [Ohio Department of Health](#), a push is underway to better aggregate and understand the data needed to effectively inform Ohio healthcare planning policy.

Check out the [one-page overview](#) of the MEDTAPP (Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program) HPDW (Health Professions Data Warehouse).

"One of the problems O&P faces in the current healthcare planning environment is that its practitioners are somewhat buried in the data and not recognized in a meaningful way separate and apart from the vast majority of other DMEPOS Suppliers and Providers," observed Brian M. Weaver, LPO, President of the State Board of OPP. "This Ohio-based initiative offers the hope and opportunity for O&P to stand out from the crowded DME sales field as hands-on healthcare professionals who make a measurable outcome-based difference in their patients' lives."

And while the initiative in implementation will impose a certain data harvesting burden on individual practitioners and licensees, the planners are aware of those concerns and instrument design touchpoints are going forward to minimize the intrusion. These concerns were processed closely with Association leadership who took their own close look at the initiative and the fundamentals required. In implementation, the initiative will require applicants for licensure and renewing licensees to respond to a more detailed census-like questionnaire about education, background, service delivery, and career planning. "Licensees will complete the entire form only once," noted Dianne Farabi, Executive Director of the Ohio O&P Association. "After that, they will access their information and only update anything that may have changed."

Represent!

Terms of service on the Board 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, or just see and submit the application (we appreciate being notified of your submission, but that's not a requirement):

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

Current Board Members and their terms are:

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<u>Grove City, Ohio</u>	<u>Batavia, Ohio</u>
<u>(first term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2015</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2015</u>
<u>Animesh S. Bhatia, DPM</u>	<u>Jeffrey Hagman, LP</u>
<u>New Albany, Ohio</u>	<u>Warrensville Heights, Ohio</u>
<u>(first term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2015</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2016</u>
<u>Jason Macedonia, LPO</u>	<u>VACANT (Practitioner LO or LPO)</u>
<u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	
<u>(second term)</u>	<u>(first term)</u>
<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2017</u>	<u>Term Ends: 12/06/2017</u>
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