



Georgia Composite Medical Board

Spring 2023 — Newsletter

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. The mission of the Georgia Composite Medical Board is to protect the health of Georgians through the proper licensing of physicians and certain members of the healing arts and through the objective enforcement of the *Medical Practice Act*. We want to keep you informed along the way, and this newsletter will provide you with updated information on what is happening here at the Board. Enjoy!

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GCMB updates mental health question on licensure applications

The Georgia Composite Medical Board voted in its meeting on February 2 to update language for the mental health question on all licensure applications.

The question now reads:

"Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice medicine in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?"

NOTE: If you are currently enrolled in Georgia PHP, you may answer NO."

"The Board believes this is a step in right direction to address clinician burnout and encourage mental health care while still protecting patients from impaired professionals," said GCMB Chair Matthew Norman, MD. "Applicants should not fear loss of a license or denial of a licensure application for seeking mental health services."

Applicants and licensees who enroll in the [Georgia Professional Health Program](#) may answer "no" to the question. The Georgia PHP is a nonprofit organization formed in 2012 to assist all licensees of the GCMB who develop potentially impairing conditions, mental illnesses, substance abuse, and other addictive disorders. The Georgia PHP is not a treatment provider but interacts with assessors of its participants, coordinates this care with the healthcare entities that employ those individuals and monitors disease status in its participants. The primary goal of the PHP is to ensure that the professionals who return to the practice of medicine do so only if they can practice with reasonable skill and safety.

The change is consistent with guidance from the [Federation of State Medical Boards](#) and the [Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation](#).

The Board is reviewing other aspects of all licensure application materials, including reference forms, to ensure uniformity.

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GCMB to move offices in mid-April

The Georgia Composite Medical Board is moving offices to the Twin Towers state buildings in April.

The move is slated to begin the first week of April. The last day in the 2 Peachtree building office will be Tuesday, April 4, and the first day in the Twin Towers building office is scheduled to be Monday, April 17. **During that time, both the Board's old and new offices will be CLOSED to the public.** The Board apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Staff will be teleworking that week and ONLY be accessible via email. [Click HERE](#) for a list of staff email addresses. If you leave a voicemail for staff during that time, please provide an email address in your message, so staff can respond to your inquiry.

That said, we encourage all applicants and licensees to leverage technology when sending documentation to the Board. When applying for a license via the Board's online account portal, supporting documentation can be uploaded into the portal too. [Click HERE](#) to access the Board's online account portal. Please email the Board staffer working on your file when you upload documents, as our licensing software does not automatically notify us when documents are added. Additionally, you can email any documentation to staff as well. Please consider these alternatives to mailing your paperwork to the Board.

If you need to send anything via snail mail (including any checks/money orders), the Board's new mailing address is below. Please use this address for anything sent on or after April 10, 2023:

Georgia Composite Medical Board
2 MLK Jr. Drive SE
East Tower, 11th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334

To stay updated on the Board's office move, please visit our website ([click HERE](#)).

Board adopts updated fee schedule

The Georgia Composite Medical Board voted during its March 30 meeting to adopt a new fee schedule.

Most fees remain unchanged from the previous version of the schedule. The Board added a fee for licensees with a telemedicine or administrative physician license to upgrade to a full medical license, which is \$200.

The Board posts all fees on its website ([click HERE](#)).

A pdf copy of the new fee schedule on Board letterhead is available for download ([click HERE](#)).

Board Calendar

- April 27
Board meeting
- May 25
Board meeting
- May 29
State Holiday
(Board office closed)
- June 19
State Holiday
(Board office closed)
- June 29
Board meeting
- July 4
State Holiday
(Board office closed)

Recent Board Rule Amendments/Adoptions

Below is a list of Rule amendments adopted by the Board and approved by the Governor's Office. These Rules have been sent to the Secretary of State for publishing.

- [Rule 360-3-.02 "Unprofessional Conduct Defined"](#)
- [Rule 360-5-.03 "Application for Physician Utilization of a Physician Assistant"](#)
- [Rule 360-6-.03 "Licensure Requirements for Acupuncture"](#)
- [Rule 360-15-.01 "Requirements for Physicians"](#)
- [Rule 360-39-.03 "Temporary License"](#)
- [Rule 360-39-.04 "Renewal Requirements"](#)

- [Rule 360-41-.01 "Definitions"](#)
- [Rule 360-41-.02 "Regulations for Facilities and Physicians"](#)
- [Rule 360-41-.03 "Medical Records"](#)
- [Rule 360-41-.04 "Exemptions"](#)

Below is a list of Rule amendments scheduled for a hearing on April 27, 2023. After passage, the Board will send them to the Governor's Office for final review/approval.

- [Rule 360-27-.02 "Declaration of Patients' Rights"](#)
- [Exhibit \(360-27\) A "Notice of Patients' Rights"](#)

Recent Public Board Orders

Below is a list of recent Public Board Orders issued by the GCMB. To view all previous Board orders, please visit the Board's website: <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/about-us/list-monthly-public-board-orders>

- [Carrie Madej, MD](#)
[Acceptance of Voluntary Surrender](#)
- [Shannon Calhoun, DO](#)
[Final Decision](#)
- [Charlie Humphries, Jr., MD](#)
[Voluntary Surrender](#)
- [Terrence Park, Lac](#)
[Ordering Terminating Suspension](#)
- [Vinaya Krishna Puppala, MD](#)
[Public Consent Order](#)
- [Solomon Tafari, MD](#)
[Order of Completion](#)
- [Tina Body](#)
[Consent Agreement for Licensure](#)
- [Stephen Jarrad, MD](#)
[Order Terminating Probation](#)
- [Amrish Patel, MD](#)
[Public Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension](#)
- [Hemant Sarin, MD](#)
[Final Decision](#)
- [Peter Wrobel, MD](#)
[Public Consent Order](#)

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