

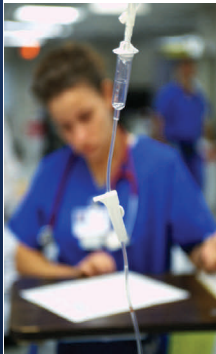


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HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS PROFILING PROGRAM

Senate Bill 10-124 enacted the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act of 2010 (Act). This bill expanded the requirement to submit an online Healthcare Profession Profile to 18 professions including Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse licenses.



The Director of the Division of Registrations has jurisdiction over the Healthcare Professions Profiling Program (HPPP) and has the authority to issue an administrative fine for any individual found to be noncompliant with the requirement.

The requirement states that anyone with an active or retired status license must complete an online profile. This will apply to licensed nursing professionals at their next renewal. Effective July 1, 2011 all newly licensed nursing professionals will be required to complete online profiles before their applications will be approved. After July 1, 2011, any licensed professional included in the Act can complete a profile and is not required to wait until their next renewal.

All of the required information is available in the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act of 2010. To review the statute, rules, and policies, or to find more information regarding the Healthcare Professions Profiling Program, please visit their website at www.dora.state.co.us/hppp. If you have questions specific to the profiling system and the requirements, please contact their office at hppp@dora.state.co.us or 303-894-5942.

DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES SUNSET LEGISLATION

A licensed professional nurse and a licensed practical nurse may now hold a license issued by the Board of Nursing as well as a registration as a direct-entry midwife. To be registered as a direct-entry midwife, the licensed professional nurse and the licensed practical nurse must meet all of the requirements and apply to become a registered direct-entry midwife.

1. A direct-entry midwife shall not represent herself as a nurse-midwife or certified nurse-midwife.
2. The fact that a direct-entry midwife may hold a practical or professional nursing license does not expand the scope of practice of the direct-entry midwife.
3. The fact that a professional or practical nurse may be registered as a direct-entry midwife does not expand the scope of practice of the nurse.

Important note: The statute still prohibits a certified nurse-midwife or physician from holding a license both as a certified nurse-midwife or physician and a registration as a direct-entry midwife.



STAY INFORMED!

The Division wants to keep you informed of upcoming renewal, legislation, events and other information that impacts your profession. In order to do this more efficiently we have implemented "DORA eUpdates" and we look forward to providing more of these in the future. These eUpdates are sent to the email address in our licensing system for each active licensee. To update or add your email address, log into [Registrations Online Services](#).

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PROOF OF LAWFUL PRESENCE

Effective January 1, 2007, all persons requesting original licensure, renewal of an active license or reinstatement of an expired license must verify lawful presence in the United States based on the passage of House Bill 06S-1009. This bill applies to all applicants and licensees in the Division of Registrations, with the exception of apprentices, interns, and businesses.

Licenses will not be issued or renewed without completing the Affidavit of Eligibility form.

The good news is that you can complete this affidavit online when you renew using Registrations Online Services!

You must possess at least one secure and verifiable document and include information about that document on the Affidavit itself (or provide the information during online renewal). The list of secure and verifiable documents is available to you when you renew online.

More information regarding this law is available on our website at

www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit

RETIRED VOLUNTEER NURSE LEGISLATION

The Colorado Nurse Association was successful in [sponsoring legislation](#) for the Retired Volunteer Nurse. The two main changes were the age allowed for retirement and the competency requirements for reactivation of license should one want to return to practice. A nurse may apply for retirement status at time of renewal after attaining age 55. To reactivate a license after retired status, a licensee must show competency with volunteer work within the two preceding years of application or meet the competency requirements as set forth in the State Board of Nursing Chapter I Rule.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board of Nursing has created a subcommittee to discuss the area of Advanced Practice Nursing. There has been public concern relating to some of the regulation in this area and the Board felt a subcommittee should review and bring forth recommendations regarding possible changes. These meetings will be open to the public and will be announced on our website. We will have telephonic access to the meeting as well. If you are interested in participating on this subcommittee, please submit your resume with cover letter directly to the Program Director.

WALL CERTIFICATES

The Division of Registrations is pleased to announce that it has outsourced the production of wall certificates to Wall Certificate Service (WCS) a division of Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS). The outsourcing of the certificates provides enhancements to the certificates that both new and existing licensees will find beneficial. Specifically, the certificate provided by WCS is a larger, professionally designed, better quality certificate than what the Division was able to provide. For more information regarding wall certificates, which license types are eligible, and how to obtain one, please visit our website at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/wallcert. You will be able to order and pay the fee online. The fee for U.S. residents is \$25. There is an additional international shipping fee for international residents.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Please be sure to visit the Board of Nursing web page at www.dora.state.co.us/nursing for the latest information relating to the Board of Nursing. You will find the meeting dates for 2011, updated legislative information and other information related to your professional license.

REPORTING A JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT INVOLVING A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT

There is a duty to report a judgment or settlement involving a fraudulent insurance act against a person who is licensed by a State of Colorado licensing board and whose services are compensated in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by insurance claims proceeds. For more information, please see www.dora.state.co.us/Insurance/regs/B-1.10.pdf.

HOW ARE RENEWAL FEES SET?

By law, the Board must operate strictly with funds collected from the persons it regulates, with no support from the State's General Fund. The Colorado Legislature determines the budget for the Board. Once the Legislature sets the budget, the money must be raised through fees. The good news is that these fees are evaluated each year. Therefore, they are modified depending on how much money is anticipated to be received through the licensure and renewal processes and what the anticipated expenditures are expected to be. The primary obligation is to protect consumers and the operations of the Board are focused to ensure it can work diligently to do so.

RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

The State Board of Nursing currently has several openings for board members. If you are interested in participating as a member of the Board, please visit our website (www.dora.state.co.us/nursing) for more information.

If you are interested in participating on the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee, please submit your resume with cover letter directly to the Program Director. We are in need of a nursing professional (RN, LPN or CNA) in the home health area for the Nurse Aide Advisory Committee.

RENEW YOUR LICENSE ON TIME!

You may renew your license online using Registrations Online Services. Renewals are generally made available 6 to 8 weeks prior to the license expiration date. After that there is a 60-day grace period. That means you typically have a timeframe of 16 weeks within which to renew your license!

Any license not renewed prior to the end of the grace period will be considered expired. Once a license is in expired status, a reinstatement application must be completed and returned to our office with the appropriate fee listed on the form.

If you do not renew your license prior to the end of the grace period and continue to practice, you will be practicing on an expired license and may be subject to disciplinary action. The Division sees a number of situations every year of individuals who have failed to renew their license on time and practiced without a license. The reasons that are offered boil down to some common themes: I forgot; I moved and I forgot to notify the Board so I never got the renewal notice; I thought that my assistant/secretary/spouse/boyfriend, et cetera, handled it; it's the Board's fault because I *did* renew my license...or I *thought* I renewed my license. The result is that depending on how long it takes for the individual to "remember" to renew, the Division often takes disciplinary action against the individual because it is against the law to practice without an active license.

So, here's where we need your help. The steps are as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Go to the Division of Registrations website at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations and click on Registrations Online Services to renew your license.
2. Note the expiration date in your calendar to remind yourself of when it is time to renew your license the next time.
3. Make sure that the address listed on your record is accurate. If it is not, then update your address with the Division. Remember to update your address anytime that you move so that you do not miss out on any important notices from the Division.

Remember, it is each licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. With our online system, you can handle all of this yourself, any time, day or night.

REGISTRATIONS ONLINE DOCUMENTS

If you would like to view a board action you may use the **Registrations Online Documents (ROD)**. ROD is a website that makes certain scanned documents related to board actions taken on licensees available to the public via the Internet. The document may be found on ROD if a licensee has been disciplined or if the board has taken some other non-disciplinary action against the licensee that restricts or limits the individual's license.

The following documents are available via ROD:

- All Stipulations, Final Agency Orders, and Suspensions that were in effect in February 2000 plus any that became effective since that date. Child Support Suspensions are not available online but may be obtained by contacting the appropriate board/program.
- Any document Revoking or agreeing to a Voluntary Relinquishment/Surrender of license or registration, Cease and Desist Orders and Letters of Admonition from January 1, 1999 to the present.
- All Injunctions.

[Click here](#) for more information about the types of documents provided by this online system and definitions of terms used within the disciplinary documents.

If you are interested in viewing these documents, please visit www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS ?

It is imperative that you keep your contact information updated with the Division. The Division mails renewal notices and other information to you at the last address furnished to us. Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve you of your obligation to timely renew.

Once you have logged into Registrations Online Services, check your mailing address and update it if it is not correct. If you received your renewal notice due to a forwarding order it is important that you change your address on file with us, since we cannot change the information based on the forwarding order.

FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS BULLETIN

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has the authority to prevent certain individuals and businesses from participating in federally-funded health care programs. The criminal convictions, sanctions, and other criteria that can result in an individual or business being excluded from such health care programs are outlined in this [memorandum](#).