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# The Check-Up

Your Arizona Medical Board (AMB) E-Newsletter

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**Governor Ducey Signs into Law - Professional  
Licensing with Universal Recognition**

**AMB Accepting Applications Beginning on**

**August 27, 2019**

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Governor Doug Ducey joined by Arizona legislators, members of the business community and many more, signed H.B. 2569, making Arizona the first state in the country to recognize occupational licenses for new residents.

“With this bill, Arizona’s sending a clear message to people across the country: if you’re moving to Arizona, there's opportunity waiting for you here,” said Governor Ducey.

“There’s dignity in all work. And we know that whether you make your living as a plumber, a barber, a nurse or anything else, you don’t lose your skills simply because you moved here. The bill we signed today protects public health and safety while eliminating unnecessary and costly red tape. It’s an Arizona original and should be a model for other states for how to work together and do the things that matter. My thanks to Representative Petersen for sponsoring this important legislation and to the many people who helped make this first-in-the-nation reform possible.”

## **Facts About the New License Application**

As amended, A.R.S. § 32-4302(A) provides that a person shall be granted an occupational or professional license in the same discipline and at the same practice level if the person meets established residency in Arizona. The AMB recognizes that there may be a number of different ways a person may try to demonstrate they established residency in the State.

The application process for those seeking a reciprocity license will not require the production of primary source credentials.

In order to be eligible, an applicant may not have had a license revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.

Prior disciplinary action against a license will not disqualify the applicant for licensure if the Board finds the cause for the action has been corrected and resolved.

An applicant who has a pending investigation in another state will have the application suspended until the matter is resolved.

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## Receive Notice of a CME Audit? Here are Some Tips

When you receive notice that the AMB is auditing your continuing medical education (CME), there are some key points to keep in mind:

- In order to maintain a valid medical license in the State of Arizona, per Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R4-16-102, licensees are required to complete at least forty (40) hours of CME in the two calendar years preceding their renewal.
- Please refer to Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 32-1434, A.R.S. 32.3248.02 and A.A.C. R4-16-102 to identify statutorily approved CME activities.
- Effective 4/26/18, All MD's with a valid DEA registration number *who are renewing a license are required to complete 3 hours of CME related to the safe prescribing of opioids as part of the total 40 hours.*

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## Your Profession Needs YOU Consider Becoming a Medical Consultant

The physician community needs physicians to review cases for the AMB as outside medical consultants ("OMCs"). OMCs are professionals who receive a stipend and may be eligible for continuing medical education credits for their review of cases.

**We need Arizona licensed physicians in ALL specialties, but there is presently a high need for the following:**

Addiction Medicine  
Pain Management  
Pain Medicine  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism  
Psychiatry  
Medical Genetics  
Correctional Health  
Critical Care  
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics  
Diagnostic Radiologists

Please contact our OMC Coordinators via email at: [OMC@azmd.gov](mailto:OMC@azmd.gov)

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## Executive Director Patricia McSorley Receives Honor at Administrators In Medicine Annual Meeting



In April this year, at the Administrators in Medicine ("AIM") Annual Meeting, Executive Director ("ED") Patricia McSorley received the "Doug Cerf Executive Director's Award." Previously known as the "Executive Directors Award", this Award was renamed in 1997 to honor the memory of Douglas Nelson Cerf (1947-1994), Past President of AIM and former ED of the Arizona State Board of Medical Examiners.

This honor was special to Ms. McSorley for two reasons: first, the nomination

came from her staff at the AMB and second, the award is named after a former AMB ED who exemplified excellence in the field of medical board regulation. Congratulations ED McSorley! (pictured, from left: Diana Shepard from AIM and ED McSorley)

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## **AMB Sunset Review**

The AMB successfully completed its statutorily prescribed sunset review in FY19. The report from the Arizona Auditor General to the Legislature was favorable. The Legislature agreed and approved the Agency's continuation for the maximum allowable, eight years, until July 1, 2027.

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## **Physician, Did You Know this Law Applies to Your License?**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 32-3208 (A)

A health professional, (MD), who does not comply with the notification requirements commits an act of unprofessional conduct, and may be fined a civil penalty of not more than \$1000.

A list of [Reportable Misdemeanors](#) is linked here from the AMB website for your convenience

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## **Upcoming Important Dates to Remember**

### **Special Teleconference Meeting**

September 12th beginning at 6:00 pm

via telephone - see [azmd.gov](http://azmd.gov) for more details

### **Regular Session Board Meetings**

Held in person at 1740 W Adams, Phoenix, and via streaming video at

[www.azmd.gov](http://www.azmd.gov)

October 7 and 8, beginning at 8:00 am