

Memo Encouraging Early Renewal of Credentials

Due to concerns raised about a possible Minnesota state government shutdown, the Board of Medical Practice has taken steps to assure that licensees and registrants have the greatest opportunity to maintain licensure through any period of a shutdown (that could begin on July 1, 2017, if the state's budget is not finalized). Specifically, the Board has expanded the window for renewal of credentials from two months in advance of the expiration date to three months in advance of the expiration date, allowing professionals whose credentials expire on, or by, July 31, 2017, to complete the renewal process early.

Physicians with a June birth month and most of the allied professions under the Board's regulatory authority are due to renew licenses and registrations by June 30. We encourage providers to go on-line to complete the renewal process at the earliest possible date. We also want to remind licensees with DEA registration that, effective July 1, 2017, they may be required to register for a Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) account. Details about the statutory PMP registration requirement is posted on the Board's website. A link to the PMP registration site is embedded in the Board's on-line renewal process to facilitate PMP registration.

Organizations are encouraged to communicate to providers that the renewal window is currently expanded and remind providers that mandatory PMP registration goes into effect on July 1, 2017. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with stakeholders to assure continuity of licensure and registration for Minnesota's health care providers, in the event of a Minnesota state government shutdown.