

**NOTICE TO MEDICAL GAS MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS AND DISTRIBUTUORS
CONCERNING 2020 LICENSE AND REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed a COVID-19 bill into law does the following:

- For medical gas (MG) *distributors*:
 - Reduces the registration fee to \$260;
- For MG *manufacturers* changes the law so that:
 - If a company has only one facility that requires a MG manufacturer license, that facility will pay a fee of \$5,260
 - If a company has more than one facility that requires a MG manufacturer license:
 - One facility must pay a \$5,260 fee*; and
 - Each other facility must pay a \$260 fee
- For MG *wholesalers* changes the law so that:
 - If a company has only one facility that requires a MG wholesaler license, that facility will pay a fee of \$5,260
 - If a company has more than one facility that requires a MG wholesaler license:
 - One facility must pay a \$5,260 fee*; and
 - Each other facility must pay a \$260 fee

* When applying for licenses, the company should designate the facility that will pay the \$5,260 fee.

Please also note the following clarifications:

- A facility with a MG manufacturer license can manufacture, wholesale and dispense medical gases using *only* a MG manufacturer license – a separate MG wholesaler license is not required, *even if the facility sells medical gases at wholesale that are made by another MG manufacturer*. If the facility also dispenses medical gases directly to patients, it does not need a separate MG distributor registration.
- A facility with a MG wholesaler license can wholesale and dispense medical gases based only on the wholesaler license. If the facility also dispenses medical gases directly to patients it does not need a separate MG distributor registration.
- A facility with a MG distributor registration can only dispense to patients.

This means that no MG facility ever needs more than one license or registration. MG facilities that currently have more than one license or registration can drop those that they don't need.

***The Board is delaying the due date for renewals for all three types of
MG facilities until June 1st.***

- Renewal notices have already been sent out for MG manufacturers and wholesalers and some companies have already sent in renewal applications and checks.
 - Board staff will return applications and checks for facilities that can drop some licenses or registrations, as necessary.
 - Checks will also be returned if the checks were for amounts that exceed the new fees.
- ***Facilities should note the fee changes discussed above when applying for license or registration renewal – and pay only the amount of fees required under the new law.***