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# NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year to all of our licensees and stakeholders.

We have made many changes in our process and procedures in the last few years, and our efforts have been rewarded.

Time elapsed to initial licensure is averaging 20 days or less, and we have streamlined our renewal process. In addition, we are now able to approve provisional licenses for military spouses in 5-7 days, easing what can be a difficult transition as the result of a move to a new posting. We have improved our reminder system for upcoming licensure deadlines to lessen the number of late renewals.

Our investigations department has greatly reduced the number of open cases and shortened the number of days open for most preliminary reviews.

I wish you a happy and safe Mardi Gras season.

Best regards,

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr.

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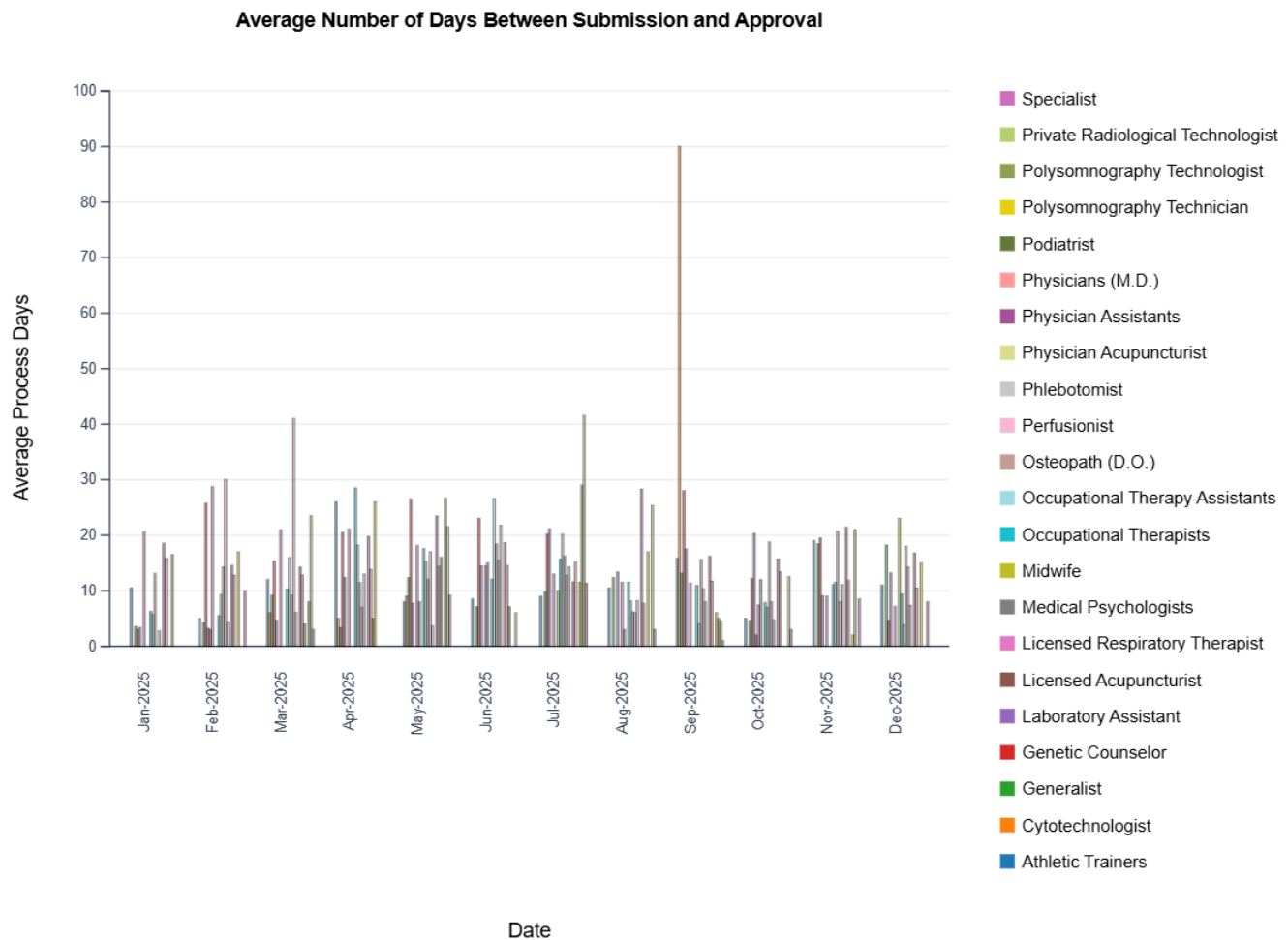
## Practitioner Wellness

### Starting the New Year off in a Healthy Way

With 2026 still young, we want to wish all of our licensees a healthy year. And to that end, we hope that you, so busy taking care of others, are also taking care of yourselves. Will you be starting a new exercise regime? Will you be getting that long-delayed check-up that keeps getting rescheduled? Are you doing what you need to do to manage that chronic condition with the same expertise and attention to detail that your patients receive? If you feel the need to talk to someone about the stress you are experiencing, are you making that call? We at the LSBME encourage you to practice, or continue to practice, self-care.

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## Licensing statistics by month for 2025: Average days from submission of application to licensure



## **RULES ADOPTED OR PROPOSED SINCE OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Since the last newsletter, the following rules have been noticed or adopted. You can find updates on our website as the proposed rules go through the administrative rule-making process.

### **Rules Noticed**

#### **Title 46:XLV.161, Chapter 31, and 5705 Athletic Trainers**

The Board proposes to amend its rules for licensure and certification to restructure certain provisions within the chapters and to add additional definitions and requirements. To see all of the proposed changes please review the full and detailed Notice of Intent in the [December Louisiana Register](#).

### **Rules Adopted**

#### **Title 46:XLV. 417, 418, 435, and 447 Retired Physicians**

Amends rules on physician licensure and certification to add a new §417(D) to provide for a retired physician license and to establish criteria therefor; amends §418C relative to reduced fee licenses and to add a new section D creating a reduced fee license for retired physicians; amends §435 to require 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians holding a retired physician license under §417(D); and amends §447 relative to exceptions to CME requirements, amends relative to active military service outside the state of Louisiana; amends to specify full CME after initial exemption year for those initially licensed on basis of examination; and amends to change wording from "retired physician" to one holding a "reduced fee license" under §418.

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## **SCAM ALERT (AGAIN!)**

At the end of last year, the LSBME experienced an uptick of physicians calling us to report a phone scam. In these cases, someone pretending to be from the board called them and started asking personal questions and told them that they were under investigation. This is **not** how the board operates in terms of informing licensees that a case involving them is being opened. As always, if you receive any verbal or written communication that is allegedly from us and seems suspicious or unfounded, please call our main number directly at (504) 568-6820 and ask to speak to the investigations department, or to the name on the letter if you have received one. That is the only way to verify your disciplinary status. As with any investigation, there is due process and a set of procedures we routinely follow. This means that you would **never** be asked to send money anywhere before an investigation is completed. You would never be pressured to do anything quickly or to keep secrets, two techniques which are commonly employed by scam artists.

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## **PUBLIC BOARD ACTIONS, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025**

Below is a list of all licensees who were subject to a public board action, October - December 2025. (Board actions include notices of summary suspension, reprimands, probation, conditions, reinstatements, voluntary surrenders, etc.)

For further details on each of these disciplinary actions, please go to our [disciplinary actions webpage](#) and click on the additional documents pertaining to the named licensee.

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**Mallory Morgan Bourg, PA** – Consent order for probation of license, 12/15/2025.

**John Colin Brian, MD** – Consent order for reinstatement of medical license on probation, 10/27/2025.

**Robert Kyle Dean, MD** – Consent order for reinstatement of medical license on probation, 10/27/2025.

**Paul Matthew Dillaway, DO** – Stipulation and agreement for voluntary surrender of medical license, 11/05/2025.

**Garrick Leonard Klaybor, MD** – Consent order for reprimand and probation of medical license, 10/27/2025.

**Candace Perodin, CLS** – Consent order for reinstatement of clinical laboratory science license on probation, 12/15/2025

**Regan Claire Terry, LRT** – Consent order for indefinite suspension of license, 12/15/2025.

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## **Advisory Committee Updates**

In the fourth quarter of 2025, our advisory committees were quite active. The Medical Psychology Advisory Committee continued to meet monthly in October and November to refine its proposed new rules. Advisory Committees for Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistants met in November. Advisory Committees for Acupuncture, Clinical Laboratory Personnel and Respiratory Care all met in December.

As always, for information on advisory committees in general, and specific information on live streams of past meetings or agendas for upcoming meetings please go to our [Advisory Committees webpage](#).

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**A reminder from the accounting department:** We would like to advise licensees that accounts with overdue monitoring fees or fines (past 90 days) will be escalated to the Attorney General's Office for collection. Licensees are liable for all associated collection costs.

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**REMINDER FOR PHYSICIANS 70+ YEARS OF AGE:****NEW RETIRED/VOLUNTEER PHYSICIAN LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE**

Effective immediately, the board can issue a new status of license to physicians 70 years of age and older, who still wish to practice and prescribe on a limited, volunteer basis. This license will cost half the cost of a regular unrestricted physician license. The CME requirements for this license are also one half that of a regular license: 10 hours annually.

A physician may opt for a "Retired Volunteer Physician" status if the physician holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine issued by the board and who has, prior to the first day of the year for which such renewal will be effective if the physician:

- a. attained the age of 70 years;
- b. attests that he or she will limit his or her practice to volunteer services without payment, pecuniary gain, compensation, or remuneration of any kind;
- c. attests that he or she will limit his or her practice to:
  - i. providing services to family or personal acquaintances;
  - ii. for no more than 20 hours per week, providing services at volunteer or charity clinics; or
  - iii. providing services through a foreign volunteer or charity medical mission program;

This status differs from the retired reduced fee (honorary) license the board has had for a while now which does not permit the holder to prescribe legend drugs nor practice in any way.

Practitioners who wish to obtain this retired/volunteer physician status must apply online via their LaMED portals and must attest to various conditions. Once granted, subsequent renewals are similar to the renewals process for the standard physician license. Physicians may apply for this status at any time once they are 70 years of age or older; this does not have to occur in the regular renewal month.

Physicians who meet the requirements and are interested in learning more about this licensure status should contact [licensing@lsbme.la.gov](mailto:licensing@lsbme.la.gov).

## Keep your Contact Information Up to Date

All licensees should be aware that if you change your address or your email address, it is YOUR responsibility to log on to the LaMED Dashboard at <https://online.lasbme.org/#/> and make the change to your record. (You may also go to the home page at [www.lsbme.la.gov](http://www.lsbme.la.gov) and click on LaMED Dashboard) Board staff cannot do this for you. To make sure that emails and communication by regular mail are reaching you, please make a point of changing your contact information as necessary. **Please make sure that the mailing/user email field contains the email that you see and read, and that it does not go to the office manager or other personnel.** Do not share your password for your LaMED Dashboard account; this is for **your** private use only.

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## REMINDERS

### FOR LICENSEES RENEWING FOR THE FIRST TIME

We want to make sure that you are aware of certain CME/CE requirements you must fulfill before your first renewal, as well as your ongoing required hours for subsequent renewals. You must set up an account on our electronic education tracker, CE Broker, if you have not already done so. **All coursework to meet your required hours (or for physician assistants your NCCPA certificate of compliance) must be posted on your transcript in CE Broker or you will be unable to renew your license.**

New licensees must take a Laws and Rules course on your profession before you renew for the first time, except for Clinical Exercise Physiologists and Perfusionists. You can find links to these courses on our [Continuing Education](#) page. Or you can search for them on CE Broker under the LSBME as the provider.

Those licensees who prescribe controlled substances (Physicians, Physician Assistants, Podiatrists and Medical Psychologists) have a one-time requirement per Act 76-2017 to take the **Board-Approved** course on the prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) offered by Medical Interactive. Click [here](#) for more information, or go to <https://medicalinteractive.com/lsbme> to enroll in the course. The course is free to all prescribers and course completion satisfies the statutory requirement. Prescribers can also be awarded 3 level 1 AMA CME hours for a fee of \$100. Those who are insured by LAMMICO will have this fee waived.

If you are a prescriber who filled out an exemption request form for this requirement because you were not prescribing CDS at the time but whose practice has changed, you are required to take the course. **Prescribers are also reminded that this requirement is for the prescribing of ALL CDS, not just opioids or schedule 2 drugs.**

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## Laws and Rules Courses

The board offers online Laws and Rules Courses for most of our practitioner groups. Occupational therapists are required to take the course every year. But all licensees can take the course pertaining to their profession annually and receive free board-approved CE/CME credit for the course.

### Currently Available on CE Broker

**Acupuncture Professionals**  
**Athletic Trainers**  
**Clinical Laboratory Personnel**  
**Genetic Counselors**  
**Occupational Therapy (Annual requirement)**  
**Medical Psychologists**  
**Midwives**

**Physicians**  
**Physician Assistants**  
**Podiatrists**  
**Polysomnography**  
**Respiratory Therapy**  
**Dispensing Permits**  
**Supervising Physicians**  
**Telemedicine**

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## How to create a free CE Broker account

1. Go to <https://cebroker.com/la/account/basic/>
  2. Enter your License number exactly as it appears on your license, "123456".
  3. Once you have an account, you can upload your CE or CME certificates.
  4. The courses of some content providers who are registered with CE Broker will upload automatically.
  5. Any Laws and Rules course taken on CE Broker will upload automatically and instantly to the transcript.
  6. You can also download the CE Broker app on your smartphone and use the camera to take pictures of certificates, if that is easier.
  7. CE Broker will track that you have met your requirements for your first renewal, or for yearly compliance with CE/CME with the NCCPA for PAs.
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