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2013 Online License Renewals

Please check if the expiration date on your license is October 31, 2013. If so, you will be able to go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic starting **September 4, 2013** to renew your license.

You may renew online between September 4, 2013—October 31, 2013. Please note that online renewals between November 1, 2013—December 31, 2013 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

Before you begin, you will need the following:

1. Your Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice License Number and Social Security Number.
2. Computer with **Internet Explorer Browser** access and a printer. You will print a copy of your application and invoice or receipt.
3. Continuing Education records.
4. Visa or MasterCard only (**no debit cards accepted**). You may also mail a check or money order to the Board.

To Renew Online:

1. Go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic and click **RENEW ONLINE**.
2. Read the instructions and click **LOGIN** to proceed to the Logon Screen.
3. Enter your Board of Dietetic Practice License Number. **D, DX, B, THEN THE NUMBER (i.e., D Zero # # # #).**
4. **Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.**
5. Fill in the information as requested. (Note that some fields may already be completed) Please note that when you renew online, no paperwork is required. You will list a minimum of **30 CEUS** electronically by category between 11/1/11 - 10/31/13. The Board will conduct a random audit after the renewal period.
6. Prior to selecting a method of payment, you must certify that all information in the application is accurate.
7. Preview your application and then click **Submit Application**. Please note that once submitted the application cannot be changed. **Print and maintain a copy of your application for your records.**

Payment Methods:

1. Select Visa or MasterCard credit card payment. The 2013 renewal fee is \$286. **Only click once to confirm payment.** Applications will be processed within 1-2 business days. **OR**
2. Select **PAYMENT BY MAIL**. **You may mail a check or money order in the amount of \$286 to the Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice.** Your license will not be processed until payment is received. The Board must receive payment on or before October 31, 2013. Payments received between November 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 will be assessed a \$100 late fee. **The mailing address is the Board of Dietetic Practice, 4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21215-2299.**

If you are unable to complete your application online for any reason, please contact the Board at (410) 764-4733. If your license expires on October 31, 2013 and you do not renew by December 31, 2013, you are considered to be practicing without a license and are subject to disciplinary action. In addition, licensed dietitian-nutritionists who have not completed the entire renewal process by December 31, 2013, are required to apply for reinstatement and pay a reinstatement fee of \$586 in order to practice dietetics in Maryland.

INACTIVE STATUS

Licensees who are not planning to renew, may apply for inactive status before December 31, 2013. The inactive status fee is \$75. You may download the inactive status form from the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic.

**Current Maryland
Licensees:**
1,667—Licensed Die-
titian-Nutritionists

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SUNSET REVIEW LEGISLATION—EXTENSION TO 2025

Senate Bill 237-Health Occupations - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation, Chapter 211 (2013) was signed by Governor Martin O'Malley on May 2, 2013. The legislation extends the termination date of the Board to July 1, 2025. In addition, the legislation requires the Board to report any recommendations for any legislative changes to clarify the practice of dietetics and any additional authority the Board needs to address complaints alleging the unlicensed practice of dietetics. The Board will work to address these issues.



Top Row Left to Right: Kristen Neville (Health Occupations Board Legislative and Regulations Coordinator), Marie Savage (Board Director), Melanie Brooks (Board Chair), and Lenelle Cooper (Board Administrative Officer)

Bottom Row Left to Right: Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Governor Martin O'Malley, and Delegate Michael E. Busch

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RECENTLY DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERANS & SPOUSES

The Board is required by law to collect a user fee from all licensees for the Maryland Health Care Commission (“Commission”). This year, the fee is \$36. Here is more information about the Commission. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission at (410) 764-3460.

Maryland Health Care Commission

The Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) in 1999 through the consolidation of two existing commissions to *"establish a streamlined health care regulatory system in this state in a manner such that a single state health policy can be better articulated, coordinated, and implemented."*

Mission & Vision Statement

The Maryland Health Care Commission (Commission) is an independent regulatory agency whose mission is to plan for health system needs, promote informed decision-making, increase accountability, and improve access in a rapidly changing health care environment by providing timely and accurate information on availability, cost, and quality of services to policy makers, purchasers, providers and the public. The Commission’s vision for Maryland is to ensure that informed consumers hold the health care system accountable and have access to affordable and appropriate health care services through programs that serve as models for the nation.

Overview

The Commission is composed of 15 members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years. The Commission is organized around the health care systems seeking to evaluate, regulate, or influence, bringing a wide range of tools (data gathering, public reporting, planning and regulation) to bear to improve quality, address costs, or increase access. The Commission is made up of five Centers. A brief description of each of the Centers follows.

The Center for Hospital Services

The **Center for Hospital Services** focuses on improving hospital care, bringing together planning, certificate of need (CON), and public reporting of cost and quality. The Center is tasked with:

- Planning for hospital services and the drafting of the acute care chapter of the State Health Plan.

- Overseeing specialized inpatient services such as cardiac surgery, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care, organ transplant, and psychiatry, including developing the state health plan chapters, managing CONs for these services, and granting appropriate waivers to allow hospitals meeting rigorous criteria to perform emergency angioplasty.

- Providing meaningful information to consumers about the quality and outcomes of care provided in all Maryland acute care hospitals. It publishes the *Hospital Guide*, containing both general information and specific quality and outcome measures. The Center reports on the quality of hospital efforts in surgical infection prevention and is developing strategies to gather and report the rates of key hospital acquired infections. The Center plans to expand public reporting of angioplasty quality and outcomes beyond the current waiver hospitals to include all hospitals performing emergency angioplasty and is examining public reporting of risk-adjusted data on the quality and outcomes of cardiac surgery.

- Serving as the lead for studying emergency department crowding.

- Maintaining the CON program, which remains within the Center for Hospital Services because hospital CONs are the most complex and costly of projects requiring CON action. Maryland hospitals are in the midst of a rebuilding program, replacing aging hospital infrastructures through renovation, new construction, and in some cases, consolidation or relocation of facilities.

The Center for Long-Term and Community-Based Care

The **Center for Long-term and Community-Based Care** focuses on improving long-term and community-based care, bringing together planning and public reporting efforts. The Center is assigned to:

Health planning regarding long-term and community-based care, including the policies guiding the determination of need in the CON process for nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospices.

The Commission's study of long-term care vision and needs over the coming 25 years, required by legislation during the 2006 session of the General Assembly.

The *Nursing Home Guide* for Marylanders, providing an easy way to locate and compare nursing homes on quality and outcomes measures.

Pioneer the public reporting of resident and family satisfaction measures, and disseminating the policies and information related to Maryland assisted living programs.

The Center for Health Care Financing and Health Policy

The **Center for Healthcare Financing and Health Policy** has a specific regulatory responsibility for the small group market for health insurance and a broader responsibility for the analysis of public policy options relating to the organization and financing of health care. The Center is responsible for:

The small group health insurance market, including regulation of the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan (CSHBP). Specifically, the Commission is responsible for specifying the benefits and covered services included in the core CSHBP offerings, modifying these when necessary to meet statutory affordability requirements.

Reporting on trends in the small group market, including the costs of plans and the degree of concentration in the market, suggesting regulatory changes that will improve affordability, innovation, and value through improved competition.

Reporting disparities in health and health care and is responsible for the Commission's Racial and Ethnic Disparities initiative. Reporting publicly on the performance of and satisfaction with health plans in the HMO *Consumer Guide*. Traditionally focused on measures of the clinical performance of HMOs, the *Consumer Guide* is expanding in two ways. The MHCC will now report on additional measures of health plan quality and value and will soon report on PPOs in addition to HMOs.

The development and analysis of state health policy options affecting the organization and financing of health care. Particular emphasis has been placed on both incremental and non-incremental strategies for expanding health insurance coverage and on strategies to reduce health care expenditures and increase health care value.

The Center for Information Services and Analysis

The **Center for Information Services and Analysis** has expertise in the creation, maintenance, and mining of large databases, in the management of information technology and networks, and in the analysis and interpretation of population surveys. The Center performs the following functions:

Produces key reports to guide health policy, including reports on health expenditures, health insurance, and the uninsured and uncompensated care.

Focuses on physician services, including physician reimbursement and reporting on the cost and quality of physician services.

Oversees the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund and has responsibility for developing procedures and policy options.

Provides analytic and programming services to other divisions of the Commission and is responsible for the intranet and the Commission's web site.

Works closely with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, publishing each hospital's charges for the most common Diagnosis Related Groups as part of the Commission's Price Transparency Initiative.

The Center for Health Information Technology

The **Center for Health Information Technology** is responsible for the Commission's health information technology initiatives. Electronic health information exchange promises to bring vital clinical information to the point-of-care, helping to improve the safety and quality of health care while

decreasing overall health care costs. Health information technology requires two crucial components to be effective – widespread use of electronic health records and electronic health information exchange. The Center is tasked with:

Planning and implementing a statewide health information exchange.

Identifying challenges to health information technology adoption and use, and formulating solutions and best practices for making health information technology work.

Increasing the availability and use of standards-based health information technology through consultative, educational, and outreach activities.

Promoting and facilitating the adoption and optimal use of health information technology for the purposes of improving the quality and safety of health care.

Harmonizing service area health information exchange efforts throughout the state.

Certifying electronic health networks that accept electronic health care transactions originating in Maryland.

Developing programs to promote electronic data interchange between payers and providers.

Designating management service organizations to promote the adoption and advanced use of electronic health record.

Pursuant to the Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013, military veterans discharged within one (1) year of application for licensing or registration qualify for expedited processing of applications and review of equivalency requests for military training. The Board will expedite review and processing of applications of any military schools or courses submitted as qualifying equivalents for required educational licensing/registration educational standards. The Board extends these privileges to active duty military, including reservists called to active duty for training or deployment. These provisions also fully apply to spouses of active duty and qualifying veterans.

Marie Savage, Board Director, serves as the Board liaison to any qualifying veteran, active duty service member, or dependant spouse who requires information, guidance or assistance on issues relating to licensing and registration. Ms. Savage may be reached via email at marie.savage@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-764-4741.

NEW LICENSEES

Anne Harvey, CNS	Lori Nedescu, RD
Keri Connell, CNS	Katherine Ferguson, RD
Heather Gunn, CNS	Meiling Assue, RD
Tricia McCauley, CNS	Susan Riddick, RD
Naz Amini, CNS	Nelson Guadalupe, RD
Lindsay Kluge, CNS	Brittany Lawrance, RD
Elizabeth Lipski, CNS	Marci Lodor, RD
Simone Gifford-Allen, CNS	Rachel Zavala, RD
Jennifer Swetz, CNS	Rebecca Canby, RD
Alicia Maurer, RD	Sara Booker, RD
Esther Finney, RD	Joanna Herman, RD
Samantha Sanks, RD	Ruth Woldeselassie, RD
Deborah Hoerner, RD	Theodore McCloskey, RD
Madelyn Hoover, RD	Elyse Kontra, RD
Annemarie Toerres, RD	Catherine Kamensky, RD
Carolyn Feibig, RD	Diana Webb, RD
Rachel Miller, RD	Amanda Barnes, RD
Kara Taylor, RD	Sarah Brett, RD
Julie Wells, RD	Rae Ramsey, RD
Leslie Collier, RD	Kristine Bell, RD
Sarah Allen, RD	Lauren Schmittle, RD
Alexandra Moyer, RD	Marina Lane, RD
Rachel Coury, RD	Carlene Thomas, RD
Rebecca Koch, RD	Kimberly D'Andrea, RD
Nowen Beebe, RD	Jillian Bar-Av, CNS
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Marlene Hutton, RD	Hallie Klocek, RD



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Ana Garza, RD	Wendy Anderson, RD
Emily Biely, RD	Christina O'Rourke, RD
Megan Fuchs, RD	Bahram Faraji, RD
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Edwina Wambogo, RD	Suman Tohan, RD
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Elizabeth Metz, RD	Julie Lopez, RD
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Monica Whent, RD	Jeanette Nyce, RD
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Laura Jeffers, RD	Monik Owens, RD
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Elizabeth Wathen, RD	Jessica McGee, RD
Renata Mangrum, RD	Christinia Arquette, RD
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Please submit any questions or comments for future newsletter articles to Marie.Savage@maryland.gov

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ANTI-FRAUD AND GREEN INITIATIVES

House Bill 1115 (Chapter 404) – Health Occupations Boards – License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability passed during the 2012 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. House Bill 1115 authorizes the Boards to implement an electronic system for verifying licensure and eliminate first class mail notice regarding renewals. The legislation allows the Boards to email notices for renewals. In addition, the legislation extends to the Board immunity from civil liability to individuals who assist the Board.

To transition to email notifications, the Board will send a postcard to licensees who are eligible to renew in 2013. In the future, the Board will send email notifications. Please contact the Board if you have changed your email address since your last renewal.

In 2014, the Board will transition to paperless licensure. Several Maryland Health Occupation Boards, including the Board of Nursing, have already implemented this practice. The Board will continue to issue an original license (Wall Certificates) to new licensees. The Board will not mail “renewal licenses.” The Boards, including the Board of Dietetic Practice, have recently seen an increase in fraudulent licenses and national certifications. An important way to protect your license is to verify that individuals are licensed by the Board. On-line verification is free and available 24/7. Please visit the Board’s website at www.dhmh.state.md.us/bodietract/ to verify a license or to print out a copy of your license verification to display.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Licensees are required by law to give the Board written notice of any change of address **within 30 days**. There is a \$50 late fee for failure to notify the Board within 30 days of a change of address. Please remember to notify the Board in writing of any changes of address. This will ensure that licensees receive important notices and renewal information in a timely fashion from the Board.