# Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

## MEMORANDUM

FROM: MTL

TO: Board Staff

DATE: June 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension of Proper Prescribing Requirements due to COVID

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The Board has received multiple telephone calls regarding physicians who have not satisfied the Proper Prescribing requirements to renew their license. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been occasions where scheduled Proper Prescribing courses were rescheduled or canceled.

In response to the unforeseen pandemic, the Board will allow the following procedure to enable physicians to renew their 2020-2021 license:

- The physician must be eligible for renewal absent the one (1) hour Proper Prescribing requirement.
- The physician must make a request to the Board, in writing, that they be allowed to renew their license for the 2020-21 period with the condition that the physician will complete an approved Proper Prescribing course by September 30, 2020.
- The physician will be required to pay a late fee of $150.
- The Proper Prescribing class taken between June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020 will satisfy the 2019-2020 requirement, however, the physician must take an additional Proper Prescribing course for compliance of their 2020-21 license.
- All Proper Prescribing requirements shall be completed by June 30, 2021 for the 2021-2022 renewal period.
- Any physician who seeks a renewal exception will be subject to a $500 fine should they fail to complete the Proper Prescribing course by September 30, 2020. The $500 fine will be assessed on October 1, 2020, and is due by October 30, 2020. If the physician does not complete their Proper Prescribing course by November 1, 2020, the physician's license will lapse, and an additional $500 fine will be assessed.
- All approved proper prescribing courses are listed at the bottom of the OSBOE homepage—www.osboe.ok.gov.