

What's New with the Florida Board of Medicine

Practitioner's Profile

This is the start of an ongoing series regarding the *Top 10 Tips to Avoid Problems with Your License*, originally published in the Fall 2008 issue. Each subsequent article will expound upon one of the top 10 tips. We will walk you through requirements, point to where you can go for more information and much more. So, let's talk Practitioner Profiles. When was the last time you really sat down and reviewed your profile?

The Florida Legislature passed a law in 1997 requiring the Department of Health to maintain profiles for medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians and advanced registered nurse practitioners [s. 456.041 – 046, Florida Statutes]. The law also outlined the type of data to be collected. Practitioner Profiles allow Floridians to have access to practitioner information that enables the patients to make sound health care decisions.

When a physician becomes licensed in Florida, he/she will be given a practitioner profile to review for accuracy. The profile goes live on our web site 30 days later. Thereafter, practitioners **are required** to update their profile within **15 days** of any change. The Board of Medicine has supported legislative changes that would increase that reporting time period to 30 days; however, at this time, it remains 15 days. There are several categories on the profile. The chart below outlines the categories on the profile:

Primary practice location	Self-reported; mandatory
Secondary practice location	Self-reported; mandatory
Medicaid	Self-reported; optional
Staff Privileges	Self-reported; mandatory
E-mail address	Self-reported; optional
Other state licensure	Self-reported; mandatory
Year began practicing	Self-reported; mandatory
Education and training	Supporting documentation received from primary source verification (usually during the licensure process)
Other health related degrees	Self-reported; optional
Professional and post graduate training	Self-reported; mandatory
Academic appointments	Self reported; mandatory
Specialty certification	Self-reported; mandatory
Financial responsibility	Self-reported; mandatory
Criminal offenses	Self-reported, reported by Florida Department of Law Enforcement/Federal Bureau of Investigations (criminal background check); mandatory
Final disciplinary actions	Self-reported and reported by the Department of Health; mandatory
Final disciplinary actions taken by a licensing agency	Self- reported and reporting from licensing entity; mandatory

Final disciplinary actions taken by a specialty board	Self-reported; mandatory
Final disciplinary action taken by an HMO, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, out-of-state ambulatory surgical center	Self-reported and reporting from entity; mandatory
Resigned from or had any medical staff privileges restricted or revoked by an HMO, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, out-of-state ambulatory surgical center	Self-reported; mandatory
Liability claims exceeding \$100,000	Self-reported and reporting from Department of Insurance Regulation; mandatory
Liability claims exceeding \$5,000	Self-reported and reporting from Department of Insurance Regulation; mandatory
Bankruptcies	Self-reported and reporting from source; not required practitioner
Committees/memberships	Self-reported; optional
Professional or community service awards	Self-reported; optional
Publications	Self-reported; optional
Professional web pages	Self-reported; optional
Languages other than English	Self-reported; optional
Other affiliations	Self-reported; optional

So right now, you might be asking yourself, when *was* the last time you updated your profile. Take a moment, access the Internet and go to <https://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/login.asp>. Once there, click on *Licenses*. This takes you to the screen where you can update your profile. You can view your profile from the same location.

The Department of Health has a publication, *A Guide to the Florida Practitioner Profile*, that provides a great deal of information regarding the profile. You can access this guide at www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/profiling. In addition, Profiling Staff is available to assist you and can be reached at (850) 488-0595, extension 3.

Remember to update!

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