**RENEWAL NOTICES**

All Physician Assistant licenses and Controlled Substance Registrations (CSR) will expire on **June 30, 2010**. If you have not yet renewed, you may do so online at [www.pla.IN.gov](http://www.pla.IN.gov) The cost to renew your physician assistant license is $50 and the cost to renew your CSR is $60. If you fail to renew by June 30, 2010, there will be a $50 late fee assessed to each. To renew your license, you must have an active NCCPA certification.

A physician assistant who notifies the Committee in writing may elect to place his/her license on **inactive** status. The renewal fee for an inactive license is one-half (1/2) of the renewal fee to maintain an active license.

**SURVEY**

There is a survey attached to your online license renewal. It is very important that every licensee complete the quick, less than 5 minute survey, to help the state determine workforce shortage issues and address how Indiana can handle a health epidemic or natural disaster. Results of previous re-licensure surveys can be found at <http://www.ahec.iupui.edu/images/workforce%202004%202006%202008%20physcian%20assist%20report-jan%202010.pdf>

**NEW POCKET LICENSE POLICY**

As a result of recent cost cutting measures and continued efforts to ensure taxpayer savings during this tough economic climate, effective December 1, 2009, IPLA will no longer be printing and/or mailing wall licenses and pocket cards to individual licensees as a courtesy free of cost.  This new policy applies to **ALL** license types (business, facility, and individual) and also applies to issuance of new licenses **AND** renewal applications.

Wall licenses and pocket cards can be ordered via License Express at the following website: <http://www.in.gov/pla/license.htm> or <https://extranet.in.gov/mylicense/Login.aspx>.  In order to login and purchase your pocket license, you will need both your license number and your social security number.  Your license number will serve as your user ID to log into License Express, and your social security number will be your password. The License Express service is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week and accepts Discover, MasterCard, and Visa.

**To comply with the below posting requirements, you have the option of printing off a FREE verification by also logging into the above website.**

**POSTING REQUIREMENTS**

Just a reminder that the law does require the following of physician assistants:

**IC 25-27.5-5-5 Display of license; name tags**

Sec. 5. A physician assistant licensed under IC 25-27.5 shall:

(1) keep the physician assistant's license available for inspection at the primary place of business; and

(2) when engaged in the physician assistant's professional activities, wear a name tag identifying the individual as a physician assistant.

*As added by P.L.227-1993, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.90-2007, SEC.26.*

**Please see the pocket license policy above on how you can comply with this requirement.**

**NEW RULES IN EFFECT**

New rules went into effect on May 5, 2010 which add definitions relating to anesthesia under IC 25-27.5-5-4(f). Amends 844 IAC 2.2-2-1 through 844 IAC 2.2-2-6 to implement P.L.90-2007 (HEA 1241) regarding requirements for prescriptive authority for qualified licensed physician assistants and to make nonsubstantative changes by updating rule language and clarifying requirements. Repeals 844 IAC 2.2-1 and 844 IAC 2.2-2-7. A copy of the final rule can be found at <http://www.in.gov/pla/pa.htm>

**NEW DEA REGULATIONS REGARDING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING**

On March 31, 2010, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published in the Federal Register an Interim Final Rule with Request for Comment entitled “Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances” (75 FR 16236) [Docket No. DEA-218, RIN 1117- AA61]. The rule may  be viewed at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/ or by visiting the Office of Diversion Control website, [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov), and selecting “EPCS” from the main page. The rule became effective June 1, 2010.

The rule revises DEA regulations to provide practitioners with the option of writing

prescriptions for controlled substances electronically. The regulations will also permit pharmacies to receive, dispense, and archive these electronic prescriptions. These regulations are an addition to, not a replacement of, the existing rules. The regulations provide pharmacies, hospitals, and practitioners with the ability to use modern technology for controlled substance prescriptions while maintaining the closed system of controls on controlled substances.

DEA worked closely with a number of components within the Department of Health and Human Services. DEA’s discussions with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), andAgency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) were instrumental in the development of this rule. DEA also worked closely with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the General Services Administration.

Persons who wish to prescribe controlled substances using electronic prescriptions must select software that meets the requirements of this rule. As of June 1, 2010, only those electronic prescription applications that comply with all of DEA’s requirements as set forth in 21 C.F.R. part 1311 may be used by DEA-registered prescribing practitioners to sign and transmit controlled substance prescriptions electronically.

You may obtain additional information regarding electronic prescriptions for controlled substances by accessing DEA’s website at <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecomm/e_rx/index.html>

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All members of the Committee are appointed by the Governor in increments of 3 year terms. The committee consists of 3 physician assistants who have had at least 3 years of practice experience, 1 physician and 1 consumer member. The Committee is made up of the following:

Steven Jacobs, PA-C, President - Bloomington

James Chapman, PA-C, Secretary - Fort Wayne

Donald Munson, PA-C - Carmel

Joe Fox, M.D. - Indianapolis

The Consumer member position is currently vacant

**2010 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Please note that meeting dates are subject to change or may be cancelled due to lack of business. Board meetings are held in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Center Room 6, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

* March 11
* July 8
* Sept 9
* Dec 9

A list of Board Disciplinary actions may be found on our license litigation system at <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/pla-litigation/> Free online licensure look-ups may be obtained at <https://extranet.in.gov/WebLookup/Search.aspx> This is a real time database and is the best resource for accurate data.