



Message from the TMB President



Dr. Zaafran

Timely Compliance and Customer Service Challenges

We continue to receive feedback regarding challenges in communicating with the Board about license applications and renewals. As the September 1st mandate for CE Broker approaches, along with the ongoing lawful presence verification process, it is essential that licensees address these requirements promptly rather than waiting until the last moment. These legislative and executive requirements have impacted our customer service capacity; however, we are committed to responding as efficiently as possible.

Our website offers extensive resources to guide licensees through these requirements, including answers to frequently asked questions, which may eliminate the need to contact the Board. We recommend checking the website first before reaching out. We recognize that the site contains a lot of information and that our licensees have busy schedules. To help you find exactly what you need quickly, try using the Ask Us feature on the TMB homepage.

or carisoprodol, with limited exceptions. But, checking the PMP is more than a regulatory requirement—it is a best practice that can help identify potential medication interactions, prevent duplicate therapies, and support conversations about safe medication use.

Making the Texas PMP a routine part of applicable prescribing decisions takes only a few moments but provides important information that supports safer prescribing and better patient care.

I appreciate all TMB licensees for their ongoing dedication to improving and safeguarding the health of Texans. It's important to recognize that when each of us strives to be our best, we help Texans achieve their best as well.



Dr. Sherif Zaafran, M.D., FASA

Texas Medical Board President

Checking the Texas PMP: A Best Practice That Supports Safe Patient Care

As physicians, we make countless decisions each day to provide the safest, highest-quality care for our patients. One of the simplest ways to support those efforts is by making the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) a routine part of our prescribing process.

The Texas **Prescription Monitoring Program** (PMP) is a valuable tool that helps physicians make informed prescribing decisions. Texas law requires prescribers to review a patient's PMP history before issuing a prescription for opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates,



Inside This Issue

President's Message	1
Articles	2-4
Formal Complaints	6
Disciplinary Actions	7

Action Required: CE Tracking for License Renewal

Beginning September 1, 2026, TMB licensees renewing their license on or after that date who are subject to continuing education (CE) requirements must have their continuing education (CE) compliance verified through [CE Broker](#) before they can complete the renewal process. Licensees will be unable to renew if the TMB cannot verify their CE compliance through CE Broker. This requirement is mandated by state law.

To help licensees prepare for this transition, the TMB and CE Broker continue to offer free informational webinars, recorded demonstrations, FAQs, and support resources.

The CE Requirements Chart is a particularly helpful resource that lists the specific continuing education requirements for both physicians and physician assistants. Because these license types have different CE rules depending on their specialty or practice area, and some require completion on various schedules, the chart clarifies biennial CE obligations so you can easily understand what courses to take and when.

If you have not yet created your free [CE Broker account](#) or attended one of our informational webinars, we encourage you to register for the upcoming session and take advantage of the available resources.

Upcoming Webinars

Join us for our next live webinar on **August 19, 2026** for Allied Health Professionals to learn how to set up a CE Broker account, report continuing education, and get ready for license renewal.

All licensees are welcome to attend any session; however, each session will highlight a primary audience (e.g., Physicians, PA, RCP, etc.), and examples will be tailored accordingly.

Webinar registration is available on our [Continuing Education Tracking](#) page.

Missed or Can't Join a Webinar?

A recording of a previous webinar is available through [MyTMB](#).

To access a recording:

1. Log in to your [MyTMB](#) account.
2. Select the CE Training icon from the main navigation page.

Helpful Resources

- [Continuing Education Tracking page](#)
- [CE Tracking Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) Document](#)
- [CE Broker Help Center](#)
- [Continuing Education Requirements by License Type](#)

Who Should I Contact?

Contact the Texas Medical Board if you have questions about:

- Texas continuing education requirements
- License renewal process
- License status

[@Registration](#)

Contact CE Broker if you need assistance with:

- Creating or accessing your CE Broker account
- Reporting continuing education
- Technical issues with the CE Broker platform

Help Center – 24/7

Answers to the most common questions, plus a webform to submit a support ticket anytime.

[@Help Center](#)

Live Support

Mon–Fri, 7 a.m.–7 p.m. CST

Phone: 1.877.434.6323 (select Option 1, then Option 3)

[@Live Support](#)



CE Broker Reporting Exemptions

Alternate compliance options and reporting exemptions are available for certain CE requirements in CE Broker. Utilizing these options can significantly reduce reporting requirements on the platform.

To access these options:

Click on the **+Report CE** button on the main dashboard of your CE Broker account, navigate to the **Additional Options** tab, and select the applicable CE Cycle. Click to expand the **Learn more** prompt for details on each option.

Reminder: US Citizenship or Lawful Presence Requirement

Applicants for an initial license and licensees renewing their license are reminded that, in accordance with [federal law](#), the Board requires documentation establishing lawful presence in the United States. Verification of this documentation is part of the licensure and renewal process to confirm an individual's eligibility to hold a license in Texas.

Documentation from the TMB's [list of acceptable documents](#) must be submitted before a license can be issued or renewed. Initial applications or applications for renewal will remain pending and will not be eligible for approval until the required documentation is submitted. The documentation must be unexpired on the date the initial license is issued or the date the license is renewed.



While any document on the TMB's list of acceptable documents will meet the U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence requirement, the following documents will **exempt** an individual from reverification at future renewal events:

- US Birth certificate with a Driver's license,
- US Birth certificate with a License to Carry,
- US Passport,
- Certificate of Naturalization, or
- Certificate of Citizenship

CE SPOTLIGHT

Forensic Evidence Collection

The 89th Texas Legislature approved [House Bill 47](#) which requires physicians and physician assistants (PAs) renewing on or after 9/1/2026, whose practice includes treating patients in an emergency room setting, to complete two hours of continuing medical education relating to forensic evidence collection.

Courses used to complete this requirement may be formal or informal, as determined by the course provider. For details on this requirement, please visit the [Continuing Education Requirements](#) page for your respective license type on the TMB website.

- [Physicians – Forensic Evidence Collection](#)
- [Physician Assistants – Forensic Evidence Collection](#)

Welcome New Licensees

The Texas Medical Board issued 5,868 licenses between February 19, 2026 and July 7, 2026. The Board is pleased to welcome these individuals to our licensee community! An acknowledgment of this accomplishment for each licensee can be found under the 'Latest News' section on the TMB homepage.



Stakeholder Feedback Opportunity: TREO Rule Review Recommendations

Senate Bill 14 (2025) created the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO), which is responsible for examining state agency regulations to lessen burdens, eliminate unnecessary rules, and enhance transparency for Texas taxpayers.

TREO has examined the Texas Medical Board (TMB) rules codified in Title 22, Part 9 of the Texas Administrative Code and provided preliminary recommendations to streamline TMB rules.

TMB is currently seeking informal stakeholder feedback on TREO's recommendations. Please note that this process is distinct from the agency's standard rulemaking under Government Code, Chapter 2001.

Stakeholders are invited to [review the recommendations](#) and provide [written feedback](#).

The deadline for submitting feedback is **Friday, August 14, 2026**. TMB staff will evaluate feedback with TREO to determine which recommendations may move forward for formal rulemaking.



Case Review Experts Needed

TMB is calling for physicians in several specialties to serve as experts in reviewing standard of care cases, specifically in the following areas:

Endocrinology - Diabetes & Metabolism (Adult and Pediatric), Medical Oncology, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatric Neurology, Vascular Neurology/Neuroendovascular, Radiation Oncology, Surgery, and Transplant Surgery.

As an expert to the Board, your identity for any individual case will be confidential. The requirements for serving are:

- Active license to practice in Texas or a state that is a member of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- Active practice
- No history of negative peer review action or license restriction
- Acceptable malpractice history
- Initial board certification by an organization that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists or the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Please consider helping us to improve the quality of medical practice in Texas. For more information, please email **Expert Panelists**.

Be First to Know About Rule Changes

The easiest way to stay up to date on any state agency's rulemaking efforts is to sign up to receive email notifications directly from the Texas Secretary of State's Office. Doing so will allow you to be informed the moment TMB submits a proposed rule to the Texas Register for public comment. In general, this service allows individuals to choose agencies they wish to receive email notifications about, and these emails contain information about proposed, adopted, withdrawn and emergency rule submissions accepted for filing, including rule number(s), type of action, and Texas Register issue date. This service also includes notification of open meetings, requests for proposals, public hearing notices, and other miscellaneous submissions. To begin receiving email notifications, contact the **Texas Register** or call 512-463-5561.





Texas
Medical
Board

CME OUTREACH



Schedule TMB's FREE One-Hour CME Virtual Sessions for Your Group

TMB offers one-hour CME-eligible virtual presentations to inform and educate physician licensees about the regulation of the practice of medicine through physician licensure and enforcement. Available sessions are listed below:

Upholding Professional Accountability: What You Need to Know About Physician Licensure, Discipline, and Regulation in Texas

- A. Overview of the TMB Licensure and Enforcement Processes
- B. Review of Board Rules and Common Violations
- C. Legislative Update
- D. Question and Answer Session

TMB Chronic Pain Primer

- A. Overview of the TMB Enforcement Process
- B. Review of Statutes and Rules on Pain Management
- C. The Prescription Monitoring Program and PMC Inspections
- D. Question and Answer Session

TMB can provide the CME as one hour of formal hours of study in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility to be applied toward TMB registration requirements. If your hospital, medical, or specialty society is already designated as, or works in conjunction with a provider of AMA PRA Category 1 CME, we can assist in applying for Category I accreditation for the TMB presentations. A minimum of 15 participants is required.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact Outreach.

Formal Complaints

Name	License Number	Date Filed	Allegations
Koch, Eugene Matthew, MRT, Roseville, CA	GMR00094538	3/26/2026	Unprofessional conduct; violation of Board rules
Menefee, Shelby Anne, RCP, Austin	RCP02003554	3/26/2026	Unprofessional conduct; impairment
Romero-Arreola, Fermin, M.D., Laredo	M2234	5/5/2026	Failure to meet standard of care; unprofessional conduct; nontherapeutic treatment
Angobaldo, Jeff Oliver, M.D., Plano	M8498	5/18/2026	Failure to meet standard of care; inadequate medical records
Kim, Benjamin Hansuk, M.D., Irving	L3719	5/27/2026	Unprofessional conduct; inadequate medical records; peer review action
Avalos, Robin Margery, P.A., Dallas	PA16219	6/1/2026	Unprofessional conduct; other state's action

Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the previous bulletin was issued. To read previous bulletins and news releases, visit the [TMB Newsroom](#).

To view disciplinary orders and Board action history, visit the TMB website, click on “[Look Up a License](#)” or “[Search Board Action](#)”, accept the usage terms, then type in an individual’s name. Click on the name shown in the search results to view an individual’s full profile. Within the profile is a button that says “Current Board Action.”

Texas Medical Board Disciplinary Actions			
Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
Avelar, Evelyn	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	3/11/2026
Shaw, Sharde	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	3/11/2026
Van, An Q., M.D.	Q4869	Temporary Suspension	3/11/2026
Gibson, Mathew W.	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	3/12/2026
Adeyemo, Bamidele Oyebamiji, M.D.	T6165	Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension	3/27/2026
Anderson, William Douglas, M.D.	H3365	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Bookout, Kendra Franklin, M.D.	Q2884	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Cole Jr., Thomas Carroll, M.D.	E3238	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Couch, Jason Lynn, M.D.	L6018	Consent Order	3/27/2026
Gowda, Jeevan Chaythan, M.D.	N6322	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Harris, Canaan Lavelle, M.D.	G1424	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	3/27/2026
Itata, Christina, M.D.	R8382	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Koussa, Ghassan Jamil, M.D.	T9727	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Landro, James Lee, D.O.	N8206	Final Order	3/27/2026
Mech, Arnold Walter, M.D.	G9499	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Osman, Ali Mohamed, M.D.	L6135	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Reed, Lucky Connor, M.D.	R4891	Final Order	3/27/2026
Roberts, Aaron, D.O.	R3197	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Schmidt, Daniel Terry, M.D.	U5511	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Sebring, Lane, M.D.	J7661	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Threlkeld, Melinda Sue, M.D.	R3232	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Vanderheiden, David Loyd, D.O.	H8480	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	3/27/2026
Wilson, Marc Aaron, M.D.	L0704	Agreed Order	3/27/2026
Jimenez, Jason Phillip, S.A.	SA00556	Temporary Restriction	4/2/2026
Rodriguez, David Anthony, M.D.	Q4504	Temporary Restriction	4/8/2026
Giraldi, Rodolfo Garma, M.D.	J0503	Temporary Suspension	4/13/2026
Vignavong, Tammy	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	4/16/2026
D'Caro, Joe	No License	Cease and Desist Order	4/27/2026
Brown, Frederick, M.D.	L0994	Revocation by Operation of Law	4/30/2026
Durinka, Joel Bremer, M.D.	T5733	Suspension by Operation of Law	4/30/2026

Disciplinary Actions - continued

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
O'Hearn, Charles John, M.D.	H5676	Revocation by Operation of Law	5/1/2026
Martinez, Anthony Michael, M.D.	M6281	Revocation by Operation of Law	5/7/2026
Demeo, Ronald F., M.D.	J4770	Temporary Suspension	5/11/2026
Marino, Barbara, M.D.	H7724	Suspension by Operation of Law	5/12/2026
Taylor, Danielle	No License	Cease and Desist Order	5/13/2026
Lee, Samuel Byungsung, M.D.	U7460	Temporary Suspension	5/27/2026
Monga, Narinder Kumar, M.D.	F6290	Temporary Suspension	5/27/2026
Swartz, Brandon Reid, M.D.	N9416	Revocation by Operation of Law	5/29/2026
Southwick, Brad	No License	Cease and Desist Order	6/1/2026
Wade, Ashley	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	6/4/2026
Mitchell, Derrick, M.D.	M0828	Temporary Suspension	6/5/2026
Gallagher, Michael Patrick, M.D.	N1322	Temporary Suspension	6/9/2026
Boonipat, Thanapoom, M.D.	U9214	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Caldarola, Vincent August, M.D.	G1345	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Diaz, Roberto Jose, M.D.	M7142	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Fein, Steven Alan, M.D.	F3457	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Kureshi, Ikram Urrehman, M.D.	M8104	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Leverrier, Regina Yvonne, M.D.	U0252	Waiver Order	6/12/2026
Lucchese, Christopher Frank, D.O.	P1784	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	6/12/2026
Martin, Sharhonda La Shadye, M.D.	K9120	Mediated Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Mech, Arnold Walter, M.D.	G9499	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Morton, Rebecca Lynn, M.D.	S3425	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Pearlman, Michael L., M.D.	P1579	Default Order	6/12/2026
Pretorius, Harold Thomas, M.D.	E7488	Waiver Order	6/12/2026
Romero-Arreola, Fermin, M.D.	M2234	Mediated Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Salem, Salem A., M.D.	Q2704	Agreed Order on Formal Filing	6/12/2026
Smith III, Jack Coldwell, M.D.	L3131	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Smith III, Raleigh Arnold, M.D.	F4547	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	6/12/2026
Velimirovic, Bratislav, M.D.	P4000	Agreed Order on Formal Filing	6/12/2026
Wu, Xinyu, M.D.	S5297	Agreed Order	6/12/2026
Hamilton, Yolanda Lorraine, M.D.	K9295	Revocation by Operation of Law	6/22/2026
Chandler, Charles, M.D.	V4815	Suspension by Operation of Law	6/22/2026
Navarrete, Paulo	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	6/23/2026
Romero, Alejandra	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	6/24/2026
Alejos, Daniel	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	7/14/2026

Disciplinary Actions

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
Ahr, Ryan Joseph, P.A.	PA19329	Waiver Order	4/10/2026
Vespe, Joseph, P.A.	PA17316	Agreed Order	4/10/2026
Thompson, Jacquelyn Cecelia Marie, P.A.	PA06505	Mediated Agreed Order	4/10/2026
Martinez, Javier, P.A.	PA14444	Agreed Order	7/17/2026
Rodieck, Jefferson, P.A.	PA05775	Agreed Order	7/17/2026

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners Disciplinary Actions

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
There were no Acupuncture Board disciplinary actions taken since the previous bulletin was issued.			

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
Tamayo, Ray Fernandez, Jr., RCP	RCP00059036	Revocation by Operation of Law	5/29/2026
Menefee, Shelby Anne, RCP	RCP02003554	Default Order	6/25/2026
Ford, Shaka, RCP	RCP00066885	Agreed Order	6/25/2026
Kyei, Stephen, RCP	RCP02001928	Agreed Order	6/25/2026
Assenu, Henok, RCP	RCP02003398	Consent Order	6/25/2026
Blake, Marvin, RCP	RCP00055572	Consent Order	6/25/2026

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
Medrano, Uriel, LMRT	LMR02002262	Temporary Suspension	5/14/2026
Worley, Jacob, MRT	GMR02007536	Temporary Restriction	5/14/2026
Welch, Thomas Luis, MRT	GMR00102502	Temporary Suspension	5/22/2026
Dusse, Joseph G., MRT	GMR02004912	Temporary Suspension	6/3/2026
Palmares, Angela Louise, NCT	NCR02005436	Temporary Suspension	6/3/2026
Koch, Eugene Matthew , MRT	GMR00094538	Default Order	6/26/2026
Patrick, Christopher, MRT	GMR02002745	Default Order	6/26/2026
Bettsack, David Jacob, MRT	GMR02012956	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	6/26/2026
Gallegos, Jesus, MRT	GMR02012824	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	6/26/2026
Payne, Aaron, MRT	GMR00092529	Agreed Order	6/26/2026
Simpkins, Danerelle, MRT	GMR00101872	Agreed Order	6/26/2026
Bustos, Christian L., NCR	NCR02003417	Revocation by Operation of Law	7/6/2026

TMB MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety, and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.

Texas Medical Board Members

Sherif Zaafran, M.D., President
Sharon J. Barnes
Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.
Michael E. Cokinos, Secretary-Treasurer
Garry D. Crain
George L. De Loach, D.O., P.A.
James "J.D." S. Distefano, D.O.
Kandace B. Farmer, D.O., Vice President
Mary "Kelly" Green, M.D.
Tomeka M. Herod
Zachary S. "Zach" Jones, M.D.
Robert D. Martinez, M.D.
LuAnn Morgan
Jayaram B. Naidu, M.D.
Manuel "Manny" Quiñones, Jr., M.D.
Luisa del Rosal
Jason K. Tibbels, M.D.
Linda Troncoso
David G. Vanderweide, M.D.

Texas Physician Assistant Board Members

Karrie Lynn Crosby, MPAS, PA-C, Presiding Officer
Rao K. Ali, M.D.
Clay P. Bulls, MPAS, PA-C, Secretary
Lyle Grimes
Victor S. Ho, M.D.
Sandra Longoria, D.M.Sc., PA-C
Cameron J. McElhany
Chad Moody, PA-C
Andrew W. Sauer, D.M.Sc., PA-C
Laura L. Shipley
Richard M. Todd, PA-C

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners Members

Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac., Presiding Officer
Elisabeth Lee "Ellee" Carlson, L.Ac.
Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac., Secretary/Treasurer
Maria M. Garcia
Samantha A. Gonzalez, J.D.
Ahmed Sheikh, D.O.
Deborah J. "Debbie" Weems
Grant E. Weidler, L.Ac., Assistant Presiding Officer
Rey Ximenes, M.D.

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Members

Sam G. Marshall, Ph.D., RCP, Presiding Officer
Samuel L. Brown, Jr.
Tim R. Chappell, M.D.
Matthew Goldwater, RCP
Latana T. Jackson, RCP, Treasurer
Kandace D. Pool, Secretary
Hammad Nasir Qureshi, M.D.
Nathan A. Rodrigues, RCP
Sonia K. Sanderson

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Members

Faraz A. Khan, M.D., Presiding Officer
Nicholas M. Beckmann, M.D., Assistant Presiding Officer
Jennifer C. Brandt, MRT, Secretary/Treasurer
Regan R. Landreth
Melanie "Shannon" Lutz, MRT
Scott A. Morren, MRT
Shaile D. Parker
Lucia "Lucy" Sisniga
Ken Stout, MRT

Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee Members

Charles W. Beasley, MP, Ph.D., Chair
Dianna D. Cody, MP, Ph.D.
Douglas A. Johnson, MP
Nikolaos Papanikolaou, MP, Ph.D.
Alvin L. Schlichtemeier, M.D.
Kiran Shah
Gregory P. Swanson, M.D.

Perfusionist Licensure Advisory Committee Members

Kirti Priyavadan Patel, Chair
Patricia Blackwell
David R. Boyne, LP, CCP, FPP
Ann Guercio, LP, CCP, MBA
Gary W. Hay, LP
R. Brent New, M.D.

Texas Medical Board Staff

Stephen Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director
Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel
Taurie Sloan, Governmental Affairs & Comm., Director
Spencer Miller-Payne, Governmental Affairs & Comm., Comm. Officer
Sandra Ramirez, Governmental Affairs & Comm., Public Relations Specialist
Karen Hardwick, Governmental Affairs & Comm., Sr. Graphic Designer

Additional information on Boards, including meeting dates, agendas, minutes, and board member biographies, is available in the **Boards and Committees** section of the TMB's website.

Find us at

