



NOTICE

TO: Licensees with Renewal Deadlines in January 2019

FROM: Licensing Program

DATE: October 2018

RE: JANUARY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS – TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Board of Podiatric Medicine (BPM) is a medical regulatory agency with a relatively small licensee base. It was apparent as far back as 2012, that BPM's "fund condition" was projected to dwindle below the mandatory amounts needed to maintain an independent board. BPM requested and received statutory authority to add an additional \$200 to each licensee upon renewal during 2019 and 2020, so that BPM's "fund condition" could meet the minimum amounts mandated by law.

This new law becomes effective on January 1, 2019. Your license is within the first cycle of renewal and the automatic system used to send renewal notices is unable to accommodate any changes at this time. The system will be able to do so after the beginning of January 2019.

In other words, BPM is unable to provide you with an early renewal notice. In fact, you will **NOT** be able to renew your licensee before January 2019. At that time, BPM expects that all licensees renewing within the month of January 2019 will receive their first renewal notice toward the beginning of January 2019, and will be able to renew online (preferred) during the month of January 2019 at www.bpm.ca.gov, or by responding to the written notice which will be sent in January. **BPM expects that you will be able to renew within this shortened period. BPM will not be able to extend deadlines for renewal.**

Highlights:

1. BPM has been allowed to charge an additional \$200 per licensee starting on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2020.
2. Upon renewal, each licensee during this period will pay the \$200 with the existing \$900 renewal fee, and the \$12 CURES fee for a total of \$1112.
3. The automatic renewal notices which you have received in the past will **NOT** be sent to you during the preceding months to your deadline for renewal but will be sent to you during your month of renewal, January 2019 – and you will be required to **promptly** renew to avoid late fees.

**Your license is essential to your practice of Podiatric Medicine –
Please be prepared to renew within the shortened period during
the month of January 2019.**

For any questions regarding this notice please contact BPM at 916-263-2647 or bpm@dca.ca.gov