Fall / Winter Newsletter 2025—Annual Licensure Renewal Notice



ND News

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine

- HAPPY RENEWAL TIME OF YEAR!! DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CE APPROVALS ARE?
- Designations are not just for drivers on NYE! How do you designate??
- Patients need their stinkin files— so hand them over!
- Happy Birthday revised ORS 685.110!! Now we need your help planning its future!
- The Formulary Council Wants YOU (well if you are an OMB licensee or have an advanced pharmaceutical degree)
- Director's Report— Navigating a challenging year.

Board Licensure Renewal Period October 27—December 31, 2025

REMINDER: REVIEW <u>OAR DIVISION 40 -CONTINUING EDUCA-</u>
<u>TION</u> for 2025 CE requirements

- Complete and submit all required renewal materials through the licensee **Self-Service Portal** by **Dec. 31, 2025 by 11:59pm.**
- Submit **certificates of completion for 32 hours** of **approved CE** earned in calendar year 2025. Including the following **required education for all active licensees:**
 - 2025: One (1) credit hour of pain management every odd number calendar year
- Licensee Applications for Board Approval for CE credit must be submitted no more than 30 days from the date of completion:
 - ◆ Self Directed Activities <u>850-040-0230 (2)</u>: Licensee may receive a maximum of ten (10) credit hours annually from any combination of the listed self-directed education and activities. <u>Licensee Application for Board Approval of Self-Directed Activities</u>
 - Structured Continuing Education Programs or Webinars attended per <u>850-040-0230 (1)</u> <u>Licensee CE Application for Board Ap-</u> proval of Continuing Education Programs Attended
- List of Board <u>Approved CE Programs / Courses Searchable</u> <u>List</u> (Ctrl+F). (no licensee approval application required)
- <u>List of Board Pre-Approved Continuing Education Programs and Courses, 850-040-0215 (2)(a)</u> (no applications required)

ROBIN'S RENEWAL REMINDERS!!

FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD? After three failed Login attempts—you will be locked out. Click on "forgot password" and a temporary password will be emailed to you. Email the Board if you get locked out and we will send you instructions.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION IN THE SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

- * Employment mailing address
- * Email / phone / fax / website
- * Name changes
- * Designation of Custodian of Records

Licenses are printed only through the licensee **Self-Service Portal**





Allow Myself To Introduce ...Myself

As a licensed Naturopathic Doctor in Oregon—which designation is *Groovy*—and which sends you to the sharks with "LASERS"?

1) Dr. EVIL, NMD

2) Dr. Evil, ND



3) Dr. Evil, Board Certified ND

Naturopathic doctors with an active license in Oregon use the designation ND. Being licensed in Oregon does not make a ND "Board Certified" - and OBNM does NOT offer "certifications." If an ND has earned a certification from a certification program—they may use that as part of their credentials / designation—however they must clearly state the name of the credentialing source. Failure to follow the Board statues and rules related to designation may lead to discipline—**SO BEHAVE!!**



HB 3042 clarifying and establishing grounds for discipline was signed by the Governor prior to the end of the 2025-27 legislative session. These revisions to ORS 685.110 go into effect Jan. 1, 2026!

ORS 685.110 Grounds for Discipline had not been changed in thirty-five years. The changes to the statute set and clarify performance standards for licensees and enhance transparency for patients and the public.

Passing the legislation is just the first part of the process! The next step is to write Board administrative rules—detailed regulations explaining how the law is to be implemented.

The Board wants your input!! Please consider joining the Board's rule advisory committee (RAC) to help create discipline rules. This is a great opportunity to shape the future of the profession! Committee meetings will start in late January, volunteer



based and virtual. Please send an email to the Board address if you would like to participate in the RAC!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Another year in the books...and what a year it has been! It is likely an understatement to say these last few months have been a lot to navigate! Please know that I and the

Board members are doing our best to provide some stability and consistency (and hopefully some humor—I cracked myself up with my pics in this newsletter) for the profession and the public.



Unfortunately, cartoons aside, the Board is facing real financial challenges. The State services and supplies costs were raised almost 40% and we also saw significant increases in costs from the office of the Attorney General and IT providers. Which means the Board will have to raise licensure fees, as well as other associated licensure costs in 2026. I want to assure you— the Board and I held off as long as possible, tightened our own belts where we could to avoid fee increases—but we reached the point where there was no alternative.

Please note all fee increases will go through the public rule making process and will be posted on the "Proposed Draft Rules / Public Comment / Recently Adopted Rules" link on the website.

Please know you are all in my thoughts and I hope you have a happy and safe holiday season.

2024-25 BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board welcomes you and any member of the public to attend the Board meeting public session either in person, via zoom or conference call.

Board meetings are held at the Board office the second Monday of even months:

2025:DECEMBER 8 2026: FEB 9, APRIL 13, JUNE 15

Who wants to avoid a completely avoidable complaint??



Reminder- Patients have a right to their medical records—and you have an obligation to provide those records in a timely manner. Please send patients their files upon request so you don't end up in a Board discipline file!

850-010-0310 Duty to Create, Maintain and Retain Medical Records

WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR DEA NUMBER!

DEA Licensees—enter your number in the self service portal as part of your contact information.



YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH PDMP!

All prescribers in the State of Oregon are require to register with PDMP

oregon.pmpaware.net/login



OBNM is looking for **three** new members to join the Board Formulary Council!

If you are a physician licensed by OMB or have an advanced degree in pharmaceutical science—learn more about the Formulary Council and Please submit an application for membership to the Board by Nov. 7th!

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