

The Department of Public Health (DPH) keeps people healthy and communities strong by promoting the health and well-being of all Massachusetts residents. To ensure the provision of first-class, safe, and reliable care by all health care providers in the state, the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (BHPL) oversees and supports 21 boards of registration and certification in health professions, as well as the Drug Control Program.

Standard rules and regulations set by the professional boards are essential to the integrity and competence of all health care professionals in the state. Likewise, any entity that offers public health and health care services in Massachusetts must also meet their obligations under state law and as a condition of licensure. To this end, all licensees must be fully compliant with all state and federal taxes and child support obligations to hold a valid health professional license in the state. M.G.L. c 62C.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 13A, all licensees, both new and renewing, are required to provide their SSN to be shared with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) to ensure that they are in compliance with M.G.L. c. 62C. DOR will notify BHPL before the renewal window begins whether the licensee is fully tax compliant. Licensees will receive notice of a stay on their license renewal if evidence of their failure to comply with tax and child support laws is identified. Renewals will not be processed until BHPL is notified that the licensee has been released by DOR.

Disciplinary action including criminal charges may occur if any individual practices without a license. Upon the expiration of a license or until compliance with M.G.L. c. 62C is complete, all activities authorized by a license and BHPL must cease immediately. Upon receipt of a *Release of Health Care License* notice from DOR, BHPL may reinstate a license to its status prior to this stay or non-renewal.

BHPL reserves the right to review all files prior to reinstatement or renewal. In addition, BHPL may conduct a hearing regarding the status of a license before deciding to reinstate or renew.

To request renewal of your professional license, go to the DOR website at <https://mtc.dor.state.ma.us/mtc>.

All questions regarding payment and balances due associated with your tax liability can be answered by visiting the DOR website at www.mass.gov/dor or by calling the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Collections Contact Center at (617) 887-6400.