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Message from the TMB President

Simplifying Continuing Education Tracking


Dr. Zaafran

In accordance with **state law**, the TMB has officially implemented 100% continuing education compliance at the time of renewal for all TMB licensees with CE requirements. As you may know, the Board has partnered with **CE Broker**, an online continuing education compliance platform, to ensure ALL TMB licensees can meet this mandate.

As a licensee myself, I know firsthand how busy our licensees are and how much is asked of us in our respective professions. Healthcare is a round-the-clock field because patient needs never stop. I realize that adding another requirement can be somewhat irritating at best, and overwhelming at worst.

To this end, I want to ensure that our licensees are aware that the CE Broker platform offers alternate compliance options, reporting exemptions, and other tools that can **significantly reduce** your CE reporting requirements.

One of the most useful but often overlooked options for TMB licensees is Maintenance of Certification. If you are participating in and meeting the certification maintenance requirements set forth by your specialty board (physicians) or national accrediting body (PAs, RCPs, MRTs, etc.), you may upload proof of this effort to meet most of the state's CE requirements.

Additional pathways for alternate compliance are also available through the CE Broker platform. Licensees may review these options by selecting the **+Report CE button** on their CE Broker account dashboard, proceeding to the **Additional Options** tab, and choosing the relevant CE Cycle. For further information about each option, click the "Learn more" prompt to expand the details provided.

One-on-One Assistance with CE Broker

CE Broker is offering one-on-one assistance sessions throughout November to help TMB physicians navigate the platform and address questions about tracking and reporting continuing education.

Interested physicians can visit the **CE Broker Office Hours** page to learn more and register for an available session.

Additional sessions may be offered for future renewal cycles. We encourage you to bookmark the page and check back periodically, as it will be updated when registration for additional sessions becomes available.

These alternate compliance pathways satisfy most of the state's CE requirements but be aware that state-specific coursework requirements such as Human Trafficking or Opioids are typically not included. As a result, you must still report those items separately in CE Broker.

However, depending on your practice-type or specialty, certain state-specific continuing education requirements may not apply to you at all. In such situations, attestations are available to remove the requirement(s).

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These attestations can be accessed using the same workflow as the alternative compliance options.

Information is available on the CE Broker platform under the "Learn more" prompts regarding applicability of attestations. Additionally, guidance is provided on the **TMB website** to assist you in determining applicability based on your practice-type or specialty. Please refer to the Continuing Education Requirements page for your specific license type.

Aside from alternate compliance options and reporting exemptions, CE Broker also provides an **organization transcript reporting** feature that allows licensees to report a block of multiple continuing education credits from a single document rather than logging every course one by one.

This option is accessible by clicking on the **+Report CE** button on the main dashboard of your CE Broker account. Licensees will find it under the general **Report CE/CME** listing.

I'd also like to remind our licensees that CE Broker has recently introduced **Delegate Access**. Many providers are lucky enough to have a team handling administrative tasks, giving them more time to care for patients. Delegate Access allows organizations—such as employers, office managers, or HR departments—to manage continuing education compliance for you!

The Board recognizes that this is a significant change for licensees and has worked closely with CE Broker to develop materials to ease compliance. Aside from the support materials provided on the **CE Broker website**, TMB—along with CE Broker—hosts informational webinars featuring a step-by-step tutorial on tracking, managing, and reporting CME in CE Broker. A recording of a previous webinar is available to all licensees via MyTMB. Please log into your MyTMB account and select the "CE Training" icon on the main navigation page to access it. Future webinars are planned and registration links will be shared on the **TMB website**, in the TMB Bulletin, and on **social media** as they become available.

Finally, we fully appreciate that major changes often result in questions from licensees, even when support resources are available. To ensure every question gets to the right team and answered as quickly as possible, it is important to understand who can help you with what!

If you have questions about the CE Broker platform, tracking, and reporting CE, please reach out to CE Broker directly. Unfortunately, TMB staff are unable to trouble-shoot individual account entry questions and issues on the CE Broker platform. Contact information for CE Broker is available **here**.

For anything specific to the state's CE requirements, please reach out to the **Board**.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate this new requirement together. Making compliance easy for licensees remains our top priority; please be assured that our commitment will persist beyond the implementation phase. TMB will keep working with CE Broker to pinpoint specific issues, develop helpful resources, and enhance the platform so licensees face fewer obstacles.



Dr. Sherif Zaafran, M.D., FASA
Texas Medical Board President

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

Supporting Those Who Care for Us

Healthcare professionals face extraordinary pressures, yet too many struggle with mental health challenges in silence. Approximately **1 in 6 physicians report having contemplated suicide in the past year**, and only a small fraction of those experiencing suicidal thoughts had told anyone.

We can do better.

The **Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP)** joins healthcare organizations nationwide in reaffirming our commitment to physician and healthcare professional well-being. Reducing stigma and making it easier to seek help are essential to preventing suicide—and creating that culture is a shared responsibility.

Texas is also taking important steps to advance clinician well-being at the system level. Since 2022, the **Texas Medical Board** has been recognized as a **WellBeing First Champion** by the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation, reflecting its commitment to advancing policies and practices that support the mental health and well-being of healthcare professionals.

We encourage everyone in healthcare to:

- Check in with colleagues and trainees.
- Share support and wellness resources.
- Normalize conversations about mental health.
- **Encourage early intervention** when concerns arise.

Texas has a strong network of professional societies, healthcare organizations, wellness programs, and the TXPHP working to support the health and well-being of those who care for others.

Resources

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Call, text, or chat with a caring, skilled counselor.
- **Physician Support Line** (1-888-409-0141): Confidential peer support for physicians and medical students.
- **NAMI HelpLine:** 1-800-950-NAMI (6264).
- **Texas PHP:** Confidential support, guidance, monitoring, and advocacy for licensees with potentially impairing conditions.
- **FSPHP Sample Hospital Policy**: A tool designed to help healthcare organizations establish a confidential, compassionate, and standardized referral pathway to PHPs, promoting clinician well-being, enhancing patient safety, and reducing institutional risk through early intervention.
- **FSPHP Suicide Prevention Resources**: FSPHP provides resources to support the prevention of physician suicide and assist with educational outreach.

A conversation can be the first step toward support. Let's make sure our colleagues know they don't have to face these challenges alone.

Propelus CE Broker Update: Delegate Access is available

Is your organization or group practice managing continuing education compliance for multiple physicians or other licensed professionals regulated by the Texas Medical Board? There's a simpler way.

Propelus CE Broker's Delegate Access gives administrative staff their own secure account to track CE status, upload documentation, and report CE on a licensed professional's behalf — no more chasing down one-time passcodes just to log in. Professionals stay in control: they approve the connection and can revoke it anytime. It's a faster, more secure way to keep your team audit-ready.

To get started managing CE reporting on behalf of a licensed professional, set up your **Delegate Access organizational account**.

For step-by-step instructions on how to set up Delegate Access as a licensee, view the CE Broker **Delegate Access support article**.

CE SPOTLIGHT

Tick-Borne Diseases

Per Board rule, physicians treating tick-borne diseases must complete CME in this area. Any course taken must meet Formal Category 1 or 1A requirements. See the **Continuing Education Requirements for Physicians page** for more information on the continuing education (CE) hours physicians must obtain to meet renewal requirements.

Additionally, to assist licensees with finding CE opportunities, TMB provides information on various **CE providers**.

Welcome New Licensees

The Texas Medical Board issued 4,641 licenses between July 8, 2026 and November 5, 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**.

ADOPTED RULES

Rule Changes Effective September 3, 2026.

Chapter 160
GENERAL PROVISIONS

The adopted new rule, §160.8, titled **Employee Training and Education**, authorizing reimbursement for employee training and education expenses under Texas Government Code Chapter 656, establishing policies on eligibility, approval, funding, and repayment obligations without affecting employment status.

Chapter 161
PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

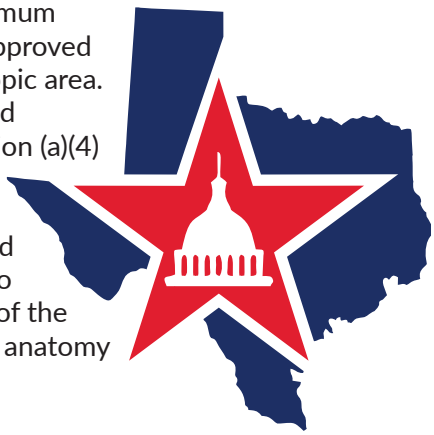
The adopted amendments to rule §161.35, titled **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements for License Renewal** require licensed physicians to complete specified continuing medical education on forensic evidence collection as well as nutrition and metabolic health. These rules are mandated by the passage of HB47 and SB25 (89th Regular Legislative Session) which amended the Texas Occupations Code, Sections 156.057 and 156.061.

Chapter 183
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The adopted amendments to rule §183.16, titled **Biennial Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements** require licensed physician assistants to complete specified continuing medical education on forensic evidence collection as well as nutrition and metabolic health. These rules are mandated by the passage of HB47 and SB25 (89th Regular Legislative Session) which amended the Texas Occupations Code, Sections 204.1563.

Chapter 186
MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

The adopted amendment to §186.26, relating to **Education Standards for Non- Certified Technician**, clarifies that the rule does not require 120 classroom hours, but rather, the educational standard is met upon completion of the minimum hours required by an approved program within each topic area. Specifically, the adopted amendment in subsection (a)(4) further clarifies that, within an approved program, a non-certified technician is required to complete one or more of the units of applied human anatomy on the list, but not all.



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.



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 Statues 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
Goldsby, Ricky M., RCP, Lewisville	RCP02005877	10/7/2026	Impairment; unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order
Ho, Huy Xuan, A.C., Houston	AC00986	9/21/2026	Unprofessional conduct; violation of prior order

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**
Kalair, Junaid, M.D.	BP20092155	Revocation by Operation of Law	7/24/2026
Luu, Kathy	No License	Cease and Desist Order	7/29/2026
Acajabon, Sergio Rolando	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	8/3/2026
Ajibade, Dare, M.D.	S2710	Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Kurdi, Juan, M.D.	L4027	Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Weiner, Richard L., M.D.	F9059	Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Lopez, Jesus Antonio, M.D.	L1649	Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Jimenez, Jason Phillip, S.A.	SA00556	Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension	8/14/2026
Silva, Brittan, D.O.	U6080	Agreed Order of Voluntary Suspension	8/14/2026
Walker Jr., Marvin M.	SA00690	Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Maes, Earl Blair, M.D.	N7305	Consent Order	8/14/2026
Rodriguez, Filiberto, M.D.	L1989	Mediated Agreed Order	8/14/2026
Lane, Frank Elmer, M.D.	G3541	Agreed Order on Formal Filing	8/14/2026
Lee, Daniel Christian, D.O.	M1875	Agreed Order on Formal Filing	8/14/2026
Harrel III, Nicholas David, M.D.	T4638	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
Hurtado, Alfredo William, M.D.	W0607	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
Fleming, Karen, M.D.	Q9813	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
Tsai, Tsung-Lin Roger, M.D.	N4807	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
De Oliveira, Nilto Carias, M.D.	U7559	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
Nguyen, Hieu Pham, D.O.	R9525	Waiver Order	8/14/2026
Montoya Jr., Steve Frank, M.D.	E7202	Final Order	8/14/2026
Ahmad, Mohammed, M.D.	Q8815	Revocation by Operation of Law	8/18/2026
Shukla, Pranav B., M.D.	N9129	Temporary Suspension	8/19/2026

Disciplinary Actions - continued

Name	License Number	Action Type	Action Date
Martinez, Evelyn	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	8/20/2026
Jones Jr., Christopher Riddell, M.D.	N3104	Temporary Suspension	8/26/2026
Martin, Mercedes	No License	Cease and Desist Order	8/26/2026
Gallagher, Michael Patrick, M.D.	N1322	Temporary Restriction	9/2/2026
Evans, William Rockwell, M.D.	J4103	Revocation by Operation of Law	9/4/2026
Wright, Nicole	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	9/4/2026
Marino, Barbara, M.D.	H7724	Revocation by Operation of Law	9/15/2026
Chaehyeok, Lee	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	9/15/2026
Torma, Gina	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	9/17/2026
Robinson, Dvoderick Rashon	No License	Agreed Cease and Desist Order	9/22/2026
Qayum, Maryam Margaret, M.D.	K6250	Revocation by Operation of Law	9/8/2026
Michelson, Edward A., M.D.	R2172	Temporary Suspension	10/14/2026
Nahas, Osama B., M.D.	J9233	Revocation by Operation of Law	10/14/2026
Maradei, Jefferson Vasconcellos	No License	Cease and Desist Order	10/28/2026
Fidone, George Steven, M.D.	H4321	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Hamlin, Denise Renee, M.D.	M6172	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Smith III, Jack Coldwell, M.D.	L3131	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Athari, Mohammad, M.D.	E6718	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Cottrell, Christopher James, M.D.	M2294	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Malhi, Ashok Kumar, M.D.	R5419	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Son, Colin Townes, M.D.	P2370	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Worley, Kyle Elton, M.D.	J6821	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Kealy, Jared, M.D.	U8752	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Moran, William J., M.D	E4547	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Agarwal, Ajai, M.D.	J9610	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Solorzano, Sergio Martin, M.D.	M2120	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Otero, Fernando Javier, M.D.	L4619	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Buch, Richard George, M.D.	H5391	Agreed Order	10/23/2026
Hooker, Kevin James, M.D.	N9378	Waiver Order	10/23/2026
Mooney, Stephen Breck, M.D.	W5143	Waiver Order	10/23/2026
Chandler II, Charles Edward, M.D.	V4815	Revocation by Operation of Law	11/4/2026

Disciplinary Actions - continued

Texas Physician Assistant Board Disciplinary Actions			
Name	**License Number**	**Action Type**	**Action Date**
Mallison, Dorothy, P.A.	PA01949	Temporary Suspension	8/3/2026
Lewis, Robert George Toth, P.A.	PA12380	Revocation by Operation of Law	8/6/2026
Hernandez, Manuel, P.A.	PA09609	Agreed Order	11/6/2026
Thomas, Grazyna Maria, P.A.	PA04967	Agreed Order	11/6/2026
Avalos, Robin, P.A.	PA16219	Agreed Order of Temporary Suspension	11/6/2026

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners Disciplinary Actions			
Name	**License Number**	**Action Type**	**Action Date**
Shi, Shang-Jin, L.Ac.	AC01454	Agreed Order	7/31/2026

Texas Board of Respiratory Care Disciplinary Actions			
Name	**License Number**	**Action Type**	**Action Date**
Moore, Victoria Gail, RCP	RCP00055692	Agreed Order	9/17/2026
Ayers, Mark Elliott, RCP	RCP02001253	Temporary Suspension	9/17/2026

Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology Disciplinary Actions			
Name	**License Number**	**Action Type**	**Action Date**
Rodriguez, Norbeto M., MRT	GMR02005449	Temporary Suspension	8/20/2026
Zima, Rachel Savannah, MRT	GMR02007342	Temporary Suspension	8/20/2026
Brown, Laurie A., MRT	GMR00028175	Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender	9/18/2026

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