

October 10, 2017

## Have You Forgotten to Renew Your Three-Year Illinois Medical License? Do It By Oct. 29.

Physicians cannot practice medicine in Illinois without a valid three-year medical license.

If you *failed to renew* by the July 31 deadline, you're within the 90-day timeline that will allow you to retroactively renew to August 1.

However, you must act by **October 29**. Here's what to do:

1. **Go to IDFPR.com.** Remember, Illinois medical license renewal is now an all-online process at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) website. You will need your medical license number, Social Security number, and date of birth to complete your renewal.
2. **Be ready to pay a late fee.** If you're an Illinois-based physician, you will now pay a total of \$920 to renew your medical license (on-time fee was \$690).
3. **Be prepared to document your CME hours.** Physicians who renewed before July 31 were simply required to attest completion of the mandatory 150 hours of CME required for renewal. Physicians renewing after the deadline are asked to provide documentation that those hours have been completed.



ISMIE can't help you file your late renewal, but we can answer questions. Contact David Porter at 312-580-2468 or email [davidporter@ismie.com](mailto:davidporter@ismie.com).

## Nov. 17 Risk Management Symposium Caps a Busy Fall Lineup of ISMIE Educational Events!

Don't miss ISMIE's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Risk Management Symposium, November 17 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. The theme is "Emerging Risks," with seven health care industry thought leaders and innovators discussing changing care models, genetic testing, opioid abuse, polypharmacy, cybersecurity, health IT and much more.

The day-long session is open to all health care professionals and will run between 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**ISMIE-insured physicians and clinicians can attend the event for free**, employed staff members of ISMIE policyholders may attend for \$199 and all other physicians, clinicians, practice administrators and risk managers may attend for \$499.

For registration, speakers, agenda and FAQs, visit [www.ismierms.com](http://www.ismierms.com).

### Don't miss the rest of ISMIE's 2017 live events:

October 26, 2017

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Seminar  
Professional Liability Litigation:  
Finding the Support You Need

Register at [www.ismie.com/support](http://www.ismie.com/support).

November 2, 2017

9 a.m. – Noon | Seminar  
Dissecting Diagnostic Error

Register at [www.ismie.com/diagnostic](http://www.ismie.com/diagnostic).

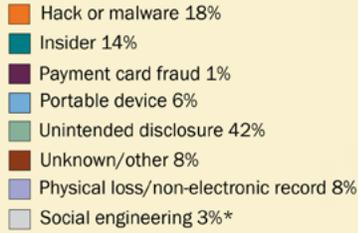
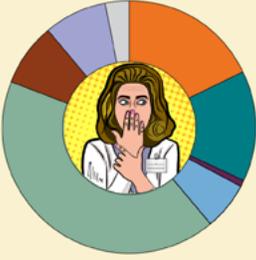
November 28, 2017

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Seminar  
Communications for Staff: The Keys  
to Building Trust and Improving the  
Patient Experience

Register at [www.ismie.com/staff](http://www.ismie.com/staff).

## What's Behind Health Care Breaches?

### Health care incidents, First Half 2017



\*Includes such items as W2 fraud and requests for fraudulent wire transfers.  
SOURCE: Besley Breach Response, first-half 2017 figures.

#### Office Mistakes #1

**42%** of all health care breaches came from misdirected faxes, emails or improper release of discharge papers.

#### But Hacks Are Up Slightly

**18%** of breaches came from hacks and malware, compared to 17% during 2016.

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### ISMIE Protects You

Every ISMIE policy comes with cyber liability coverage at no extra cost. Review your coverage today.



### Considering Practicing Out-of-State? Licensing Just Got Easier

If you're an Illinois-based physician considering professional opportunities across state lines, there's a new fast-track medical license application process offered through the **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**.

It costs \$700 to apply plus applicable state licensure fees. To learn if you qualify, visit [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org).

One more thing. Expansion is a good time to review your coverage needs with ISMIE. **In case you haven't heard, ISMIE is expanding its coverage offerings throughout the U.S.** We'll be there to protect your practice as it grows.

Start with a call to the ISMIE underwriting team at 800-782-4767 or email [underwriting@ismie.com](mailto:underwriting@ismie.com). ■

### Encourage Safe Medication Disposal! The Next National Prescription Take Back Day is Oct. 28

Leftover prescription drugs are a major driver behind the nation's opioid epidemic and medication abuse by teens. That's why legal drug disposal programs like the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** have been growing in participation since 2010.

The next event is **October 28**.

ISMIE and our partners at the Illinois State Medical Society now offer free patient resources promoting medication disposal for download, including a promotional poster for the October 28 event.

You'll find everything at [www.ismie.com/takeback](http://www.ismie.com/takeback).

And for year-round legal medication disposal, the DEA offers a central database searchable by ZIP code at [www.ismie.com/meds](http://www.ismie.com/meds). ■

### Joint Commission Issues New Sentinel Event Alert on Patient Handoff Communication

Transitions of care – usually from hospitals to other patient settings – require well-planned communication strategies in verbal and written form to maximize patient safety. The Joint Commission has released a new **Sentinel Event Alert** to guide best practices in this arena titled *Inadequate Hand-Off Communication*.

The Commission makes seven recommendations to improve hand-off communication in health care and eight specific tips to begin the process. For more information, go to [www.ismie.com/sentinel](http://www.ismie.com/sentinel). ■