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Now's a Good Time to Check Your State and Federal License and Registration Deadlines – Changes Are Coming

As paperless application and renewal processes for state and federal licenses and registrations increase every year, your office calendar is going to become a lot more indispensable.

Here are some recent changes to mark with reminders in advance:

DEA registration. If you prescribe controlled substances, you must secure a renewal from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) every **three years, timed to the date of your initial DEA registration.** (That's in *addition* to securing your controlled substance licenses in Illinois or in other states where you practice.) **What's changing:** As of this year, the DEA is no longer sending a *second* paper notification for your next three-year renewal. For more information, go online at www.ismie.com/dea.

Illinois medical corporation licensing. Medical practices operate under a variety of business and legal structures, including medical corporations, limited liability companies and professional service corporations. **What's changing:** As of September 1, all **new applications** for Illinois medical corporation licenses are now required to be submitted online to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's (IDFPR) website at www.idfpr.com to complete that process. And as all existing Illinois medical corporation licenses expire December 31, existing license holders will face an all-online renewal process later this year.

And in case you forgot. July 31 was the deadline for the three-year medical and controlled substance licensing period in Illinois. **If you or a physician team member failed to renew on time, go to www.ismie.com/late.**

Questions? Contact us at licensure@ismie.com or 800-782-4767.



Early Bird Registration Deadline Approaching for the Nov. 17 Risk Management Symposium; And Don't Miss the Rest of ISMIE's Fall Live Events!

October 1 is the last day of Early Bird registration for the 2nd Annual Risk Management Symposium. The Nov. 17 gathering, titled "Emerging Risks," focuses on changing care models, genetic testing, opioid abuse, polypharmacy, cyber security and health IT. The event will be at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

This event is free to all ISMIE-insured physicians and clinicians, and a \$99 early-bird rate (\$199 after October 1) is available to employed staff of ISMIE policyholders.

September 28, 2017 | Noon – 3 p.m. | Seminar
Fellowship Fundamentals: Communications
Register at www.ismie.com/communications.

October 4, 2017 | 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Seminar
Pediatric Care in 2017 and Beyond: New Risks and Opportunities
Register at www.ismie.com/pediatrics.

October 10, 2017 | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Seminar
Optimizing Communication Surrounding the Hospitalized Patient
Register at www.ismie.com/hospital.

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.

November 2, 2017 | 9 a.m. – Noon | Seminar
Dissecting Diagnostic Error
Register at 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.

2017 License Renewal Hotline

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Looking for Career Flexibility? Talk to ISMIE About Your Locum Tenens Coverage Options

A recent *STAT/Boston Globe* report stated that since 2002, the number of U.S. contract doctors has nearly doubled to 48,000. It's a number that could go much higher given an anticipated doctor shortage that could grow to more than 100,000 by 2030.

The types of doctors considering locum work may surprise you too. Once the province of physicians transitioning into retirement, locum work is increasingly attracting newer physicians who want to test locations and practice settings, not to mention the financial benefits locum work can provide.

ISMIE provides flexible locum coverage solutions for individual physicians and staffing agencies. To find an experienced broker with whom

to discuss your coverage options, go www.ismie.com/brokers or contact ISMIE's underwriting team at 800-782-4767 or by email at underwriting@ismie.com. ■

Thinking of Volunteering in the Hurricane Relief Effort? Here's Advice from ISMIE

At ISMIE, we fully support our policyholders who perform volunteer medical services.

At publication, it was unclear how the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Irma would affect medical liability protections for out-of-state physicians in the affected areas, so consider checking in with relevant state and county medical societies first for that information. You can also contact ISMIE's underwriting team with any question you have about delivering disaster care at 800-782-4767 or at underwriting@ismie.com. ■

ISMIE Doctor/Patient Agreement, Online Coursework Provide a Path to Safe Opioid Prescribing

As the opioid crisis continues, ISMIE resources and coursework can help your practice ensure safe painkiller prescribing.

- Our **Model Pain Management Agreement** contains 22 conditions that a patient must promise to meet in order to receive a prescription for a controlled substance. To obtain a copy, email us at e-news@ismie.com.
- ISMIE's **Opioid Prescribing in the Office: What You Should Know** is an online course focusing on identifying the risks of opioid prescribing and how to mitigate them. To take the course, go to www.ismiemutual.com/opioids. ■