



William M. Perkins appointed as Executive Director of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

During the August 19th meeting of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, William Perkins was appointed as the new Executive Director of the agency.

Montgomery, AL, (August 28, 2020) – The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ALBME) has named William M. Perkins as its new Executive Director. Perkins, of Montgomery, is the first African American to serve the ALBME as its chief executive. ALBME Chairman, Mark LeQuire, M.D., stated, “Mr. Perkins has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills to this Board while serving as Interim Director. He has maintained the level of excellence demanded by the citizens of Alabama. His soul is well centered, his energy is unparalleled, and he has conclusively demonstrated his ability to accomplish our goals. With such a proven candidate in our own house, and with the unwavering support of his staff and this Board, we made the well-grounded decision to select Mr. William M. Perkins as the Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.”

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2021 License and Registration Renewals

- All licenses and registrations (excluding P.A. registration agreements) are renewed annually through the Licensee Portal.
- Online renewal requires last name and last five digits of SSN.
- You will first see a demographics page. Confirm your address, telephone number(s), email address, etc. After completing the demographics, proceed to renewing your license and registration(s).
- Online renewals will be available October 1, 2020.
- Access through Licensee Portal at www.albme.org.
- IMPORTANT: Practitioners are required to complete renewal applications. Delegation of this responsibility could result in disciplinary action should fraudulent information be inadvertently submitted to the Board or Commission.
- Renew medical license first. If you have an ACSC or pain management registration, return to the home page to renew. A receipt and renewal certificate can be printed upon completion of all renewals.



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Perkins officially assumed his new position as the ALBME's Executive Director in mid-August, after having served as the interim leader of the agency since November 2019. A Montgomery native, Perkins has more than 30 years' experience in leadership roles within law enforcement, military, and regulatory organizations. "It is an honor and an esteemed privilege to be selected by the Board to lead this great agency," said Perkins. "I am blessed to have a staff that is dedicated and experienced. I look forward to bringing innovative ideas to this agency to better protect the health and safety of the citizens of Alabama."

Perkins's professional history includes serving as an officer with the U.S. Army Alabama National Guard, including a tenure as Company Commander for the 1203rd Engineering Battalion; and serving the Montgomery Police Department as a police captain, investigator, executive officer to the mayor, and in other leadership roles. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director for the ALBME, Perkins worked for eight years as an investigator with the agency before becoming Office Director in May 2018 and then Associate Executive Director in January 2019. For his military service, Perkins was awarded the Bronze Star for Operation Iraq Freedom, the Desert Award, four Army Medals of Merit and two Army Commendation Medals. He is deeply involved in his community, most actively working through the Omega Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., of which he is a life member, focusing on at-risk youth. Perkins is also a lifetime member of True Divine Baptist Church, where he has served as a deacon since 2012. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Faulkner University.

• M.D./D.O. Licenses

- Expire Dec. 31
- \$300 license renewal fee
- Grace period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
(\$100 late fee added)

As of 2021, certificates will not be mailed to licensees. Print your certificates through the Licensee Portal - click printer icon in the "Certificate" column for desired license/registration.

• ACSC Registrations (DEA and PDMP registrations required)

- Expire Dec. 31 (if not renewed, may not write c.s. after this date)
- \$150 renewal fee
- NO grace period

• Collaborative Practice (CP) Registrations

- There is NO RENEWAL REQUIRED for collaborative practice (CP) agreements.
- Termination of CP agreements may be completed during license renewal; however, that is the responsibility of the physician, and those terminations are FINAL.
- Physician may also terminate a CP registration using the online notification of termination process through the licensee portal.

- **Pain Management (PM) Registrations**

- Expire Dec. 31
- \$100 first location
- No charge for additional locations
- NO grace period

- **Office Based Surgery (OBS) Registration**

- All physicians who answer yes to the OBS question on the annual renewal are required to complete the OBS Registration. The question asks if you perform any office based surgery/procedure outside a hospital or outpatient facility which requires moderate or deep sedation or general anesthesia; liposuction with tumescent infiltration is used; or any procedure in which Propofol is administered, given or used.
- The OBS question appears in the Board Certification section of the renewal.
- Access to the OBS Registration appears in the License Information section of the renewals home page.
- OBS Registration must be completed before January 31, 2021. Failure to register if you answered yes could result in action against your license.

CME Requirement for Physicians and Physician Assistants

The Board and Commission recognize the difficulty licensees may have meeting the annual continuing medical education requirement in 2020 due to the public health emergency. Consequently, all licensees (MD/DO/PA/AA) are exempt for 2020 from the annual requirement to earn 25 credits for license renewal, and no compliance audit for these 2020 credits will be conducted.

Credits earned in 2020 may not be rolled over to 2021 to meet the 2022 license renewal requirement.

When renewing your license for 2021, you will see a pop-up notification instructing you to certify that you met the requirement.

In determining compliance with the controlled substances CME requirements for ACSCs (two credits biennially) and QACSCs (four credits biennially), the Board will extend the two-year period to include 2020. If your two-year period was 2019-2020, it is now 2019-2021. If it was 2020-2021, it is now 2020-2022. Qualifying controlled substances CME credits earned in 2020 may be used to comply with the biennial requirement.

SCAM ALERT

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ALBME) and the Medical Licensure Commission (MLC) have always placed the personal and business identity of our licensees as that of the utmost importance. However, criminals continue to pose as representatives of the ALBME and the MLC in an attempt to extort money from our licensees.

The ALBME and the MLC will never contact you to demand immediate payment to maintain your license. We do not demand or accept wire transfers. The only website we will ever ask you to log into is the ALBME and MLC licensee portal.

Please be vigilant and contact the ALBME if you question any correspondence or phone calls claiming to be from the ALBME or the MLC. As an additional precaution, we also recommend that the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (anti-phishing) at <https://www.IC3.gov> be notified. More information concerning these attempts at extortion can be found on the ALBME website at: <https://www.albme.org/phishing.html>

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Physician/Anesthesiologist Assistant Renewals

Renew license first. If you have a QACSC and/or an LPSP, you will be prompted to renew them. The QACSC must be renewed before the LPSP can be renewed. Both renewal fees can be paid by credit card at one time. Receipts and renewal certificates can be printed upon completion of each transaction.

- **P.A. /A.A. Licenses**

- Expire Dec. 31
- \$100 renewal fee
- NO grace period

Note: P.A. Registration Agreements do not have to be renewed

- **P.A. QACSC**

- Expires Dec. 31 (if not renewed, may not write c.s. after this date)
- \$60 renewal fee
- NO grace period

- **P.A. LPSP**

- Expires Dec. 31 (if not renewed, may not write Sch. II after this date)
- \$10 renewal fee
- NO grace period

** If the supervising physician has not renewed his/her medical license and ACSC by Dec. 31, 2020, the QACSC/LPSP will become inactive and no refund will be given.*

Important: Before renewing a QACSC/LPSP, applicant must earn four Board approved AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ in prescribing controlled drugs every two years after the initial 12-hour Prescribing and Pharmacology course is taken. See previous page for adjustments due to the public health emergency.

CRNP/CNM QACSC/LPSP Renewals*

The QACSC must be renewed before the LPSP can be renewed. Both renewal fees can be paid by credit card at one time. Receipts and renewal certificate can be printed upon completion of each transaction.

- **QACSC (DEA and PDMP registrations required for renewal)**

- Expires Dec. 31 (if not renewed, may not write c.s. after this date)
- \$60.00 renewal fee
- NO grace period

- **LPSP**

- Expires Dec. 31 (if not renewed, may not write Sch. II after this date)
- \$10.00 renewal fee
- NO grace period

** If the collaborating physician has not renewed his/her medical license, ACSC and collaborative agreement by Dec. 31, 2020, the QACSC/LPSP will become inactive and no refund will be given. Collaborating physicians can renew online at www.alrenewals.org.*

Important: Before renewing a QACSC/LPSP, applicant must earn four Board approved AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ in prescribing controlled drugs every two years after the initial 12-hour Prescribing and Pharmacology course is taken. See previous page for adjustments due to the public health emergency.

Notice to Limited License and Retired Senior Volunteer License Holders

Ala. Code §§ 34-24-75 and 34-24-75.1 require that a physician holding a Limited License or a Retired Senior Volunteer (RSV) license complete renewal applications for both the Limited or RSV Certificate of Qualification (COQ) and the Limited or RSV license.

A Limited or RSV COQ renewal application must be submitted to the Board before a Limited or RSV license renewal can be completed.

The COQ renewal application must be submitted to the Board before October 23, 2020, in order to be eligible for license renewal. If the COQ is not renewed by this date, the licensee will be required to start the application process from the beginning and obtain a new license.

To obtain the COQ renewal application, please contact the Dean, Program Director or Chief Medical Officer of the program or facility where you are a participant. Programs have been provided with the proper forms.

ATTENTION LAWFUL ALIENS/ FOREIGN NATIONAL LICENSEES

All lawful aliens/foreign national licensees practicing in this state are required to submit yearly a Declaration of Lawful Presence form with proof of legal presence as a non-permanent alien. This information must be received and processed through SAVE in order to renew licenses for 2021. The online renewal program will not allow any license to be renewed until legal presence documentation has been received and approved by SAVE. Likewise, manual renewals will not be processed without proper documentation.

To download the form, go to www.albme.org/Documents/Forms/declarationform.pdf.



DEA moves toward online registration and renewal

DEA has eliminated paper registration and renewal notifications and is moving toward the ONLINE registration and renewal process. Paper notifications will no longer be mailed. Therefore, it is imperative that DEA has the correct email address of the registrant, or their designated point of contact. Registrants without email addresses will be contacted by DEA personnel in order to update the notification database. Registrants may also directly contact Registration Support Specialists, Julie (571) 362-4890 or Connie (571) 362-4891, who handle the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. Additional information can be found on the DEA website: www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov, Registration Support.

Welcome Associate General Counsel Blake T. Henson

The Board is pleased to announce the employment of Blake T. Henson as Associate General Counsel to the Board. Mr. Henson received a B.S. in Health Care Management, an M.S. in Strategic Marketing from The University of Alabama and his J.D. from the Birmingham School of Law. Mr. Henson comes to the Board from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama where he has several years of experience managing healthcare fraud waste and abuse activities and investigations. He is sure to be an invaluable addition to the Office of the General Counsel.



Underwood Minority Scholarship Awarded

The Underwood Minority Scholarship Award is named for long-time Montgomery physician and the Medical Association's 152nd President Jefferson Underwood III, M.D. Dr. Underwood became the first African-American male to serve as President of the Association in 2018-2019. The Underwood Minority Scholarship Award is for African-American individuals underrepresented in Alabama's medical schools and the state's physician workforce.

Alicia Williams, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, was awarded the 2020 Underwood Minority Scholarship Award.

A Fort Payne native, Alicia is headed for a career in general pediatrics where she will combine her leadership, clinical skills, knowledge of sports medicine, and passion for providing care in rural underserved areas of Alabama. She has had the opportunity to work with teenage youth in Birmingham through Girlz Talk, an organization that teaches professionalism, safety and reproductive education. Alicia has also presented research to Governor Kay Ivey's team and has collaborated with Secretary Jenna Ross and the Department of Early Childhood Education.

David Bramm, MD, Director of the Rural Medicine Program at UAB states, "Alicia is a breath of fresh air. She is strong without being overbearing, confident without being cocky, devoted to her patients and

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utterly reliable. I have been privileged to have been a preceptor for several medical schools since 1982 and fully believe Alicia is one of the best I have ever taught. I can recommend her without reservation for the Underwood scholarship."

Alicia graduated from Mercer University with a 4.0 GPA and a Bachelor's degree in biology. Currently, she attends UAB School of Medicine and is expected to graduate in 2021. Alicia's personal interests include writing music, singing and playing basketball.

"I am very grateful to be the first recipient of a scholarship that honors such a respected and esteemed physician as Dr. Underwood," Alicia states. "This scholarship serves great purpose towards my goals as a future physician, and Dr. Underwood's leadership and service is a great example for me and other aspiring physicians like me."



Physician Assistant non-controlled prescribing formulary modified

Kimie Buley, Physician Assistant Licensing

Effective July 15, 2020, the P.A. formulary for non-controlled prescribing was modified to include nine additional legend drug classifications, four specialty legend drug classifications, and standard language for the prescribing of certain drug classifications.

For example, endocrine and metabolic agents were added to the formulary with the following standard language: "Medications for weight loss are to be prescribed pursuant to [Board rules]. Thyroid medications are not approved for use as weight control." As another example, obstetrical and gynecological agents including hormones were added with the following language, "Excluding Cytotec, Cytotec containing combinations, Mifepristone, and Hormone Pellets."

The following specialty legend drugs were also added to the

approved formulary:

- Methotrexate
- Non-biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)
- Biologic or Biosimilar DMARDs and anti-tumor necrosis factor drugs (antiTNF)
- other Biologics or Biosimilars (excluding antiTNF).

As a reminder, all specialty legend drugs must be prescribed or administered within the scope of the supervising physician's specialty. The initial dose must be prescribed by a physician with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol (which must be available for review on site), or by direct order of the physician. As with core duties or other skills, the prescribing or administering of legend drugs is only approved pursuant to any applicable standard language.

All registration agreements submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners must include the new formulary.

For any questions concerning the practice of Physician Assistants, please contact kbuley@albme.org.

Report of Public Actions of the Medical Licensure Commission and Board of Medical Examiners

Mission: The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission are charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of the state of Alabama.

BME - July 2020

- Effective July 15, the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of Edward Irving Lammons, MD, lic. no. MD.5532, Phenix City AL, is voluntarily surrendered.
 - Effective July 15, the Voluntary Restriction of the certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama of Laurence D. McMillan, MD, lic. no. MD.38242, Birmingham AL, is amended.
 - Effective July 15, the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate of Christopher T. Nichols, MD, lic. no. MD.23044, Mobile AL, is voluntarily surrendered.
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MLC - July 2020

- Effective July 13, the license to practice medicine in Alabama of Kang Lu, MD, lic. no. MD.33264, Athol MA, is revoked.

- On July 7, the Commission returned to full and unrestricted status the license to practice medicine in Alabama of Darryle P. Bullard, MD, lic. no. MD.26880, Mobile AL.
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BME - August 2020

- On Aug. 19, the Board denied the application for a certificate of qualification of Leah N. Torres, MD, Tuscaloosa AL.
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MLC - August 2020

- Effective Aug. 31, the license status of Mark Peter Koch, DO, lic. no. DO.322, Monroeville AL, is changed to suspended until certain requirements are met.
- Effective Aug. 31, the license to practice medicine of W. Ricardo Montiel, MD, lic. no. MD.18168, is reinstated to full, unrestricted status.
- Effective Aug. 27, the license to practice medicine of Thomas D. Nielsen, MD, lic. no. MD.26107, is temporarily suspended until a hearing is held on the allegations against him.
- Effective Aug. 27, the temporary license to practice medicine of Leah N. Torres, MD, lic. no. MD.41207, is temporarily suspended until a hearing is held on the allegations against her.

- Effective Aug. 12, the license to practice medicine of Ronald Tai Young Moon, Jr., MD, lic. no. DO.419, Birmingham AL, is revoked.

- On Aug. 26, the Commission entered

an order setting out the terms of probation on the license to practice medicine of Richard L. Snellgrove, MD, lic. no. MD.16922, Fairhope AL.

- On Aug. 7, the conditions of probation on the license to practice medicine in Alabama of W. Ricardo Montiel, MD, lic. no. MD.18168, Prattville AL, were modified.

- On Aug. 7, the Commission denied the petition of Ramesh B. Peramsetty, MD, lic. no. MD.21446, Tuscaloosa AL, for termination of probation.

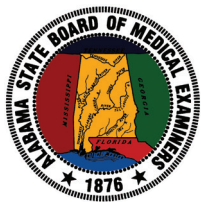
- On Aug. 7, the Commission denied the petition of Robert E. Windsor, MD, lic. no. MD.26546, Cumming GA, for reinstatement of license.
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BME - September 2020

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MLC - September 2020

- Effective Aug. 31, the license to practice medicine of Caleb M. Consenstein, MD, lic. no. MD.41481, Birmingham AL, is issued subject to conditions.
- Effective Aug. 19, the license to practice medicine of D'Livro L. Beauchamp, MD, lic. no. MD.20243, Montgomery AL, is voluntarily surrendered.
- Effective Sept 2, the license to practice medicine of Paul Douglas Roller, MD, lic. no. MD.18110, is temporarily suspended until a hearing is held on the allegations against him.



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Meeting agendas and a full list of meeting dates and times can be found online at

www.albme.org.

Upcoming MLC Meeting Dates

Oct 29 • Nov 23 • Dec 21

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