

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL LICENSEES

ACT 124 OF 2016 – INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PAIN MANAGEMENT, ADDICTION AND PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING PRACTICES FOR OPIOIDS

The State Board of Dentistry (Board), in conjunction with the Department of Health, is providing advance notice to all licensees that are considered “prescribers” or “dispensers” under section 3 of the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act (35 P.S. § 872.3), as amended, that EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, all licensees applying for the renewal of a license issued by the Board that are considered prescribers or dispensers under the ABC-MAP Act shall be required to complete at least 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in pain management, identification of addiction or the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids as a condition of renewal.

Please note that the continuing education requirements of Act 124 will **NOT** be necessary in order to renew your license in 2017. However, you will be required to complete at least 2 hours of Board-approved continuing education in pain management, identification of addiction or the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids **as a condition of renewal in 2019.**

More information regarding this requirement will be posted on the Board’s website when it is available.

Act 124 may be reviewed at the following link:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2016&sessInd=0&act=124>