



LICENSING UPDATE FOR PHYSICIANS

Illinois Physician and Surgeon licenses expire July 31, 2023. The Medical Practice Act (225 ILCS 60/9.1) was amended to include a fee waiver. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during State fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, the Department will allow individuals a one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 9, 19, or 21 of the Act. No individual may benefit from such waiver more than once. [225 ILCS 60/ Medical Practice Act of 1987. \(ilga.gov\)](#)

IDFPR will send you an email in early April 2023 when the renewal period opens online. Make sure your contact information is up to date by logging in to your online account here: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>. As part of Governor Pritzker's initiative to help frontline healthcare workers, licensing renewal fees will be waived for physicians and surgeons. For more information, please see our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) [here](#).

You'll be able to renew your license online by going to <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/> and creating an online account. Make sure your account is created and contact information is up to date so IDFPR can send you any important updates regarding your license renewal process.

One hundred fifty (150) Continuing Medical Education (CME) hours are required to renew a physician and surgeon license. More about what's required in those hours may be found [here](#). You may begin your CMEs now leading up to the April 2023 renewal period.

Physicians and surgeons must also complete one hour continuing education on each of the following topics:

Safe Opioid Prescribing Training

The three-hour education requirement for safe prescribing of opioids is applicable to all licensed healthcare professionals who also possess an Illinois Controlled Substance License. See our FAQs [here](#).

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

The one-hour sexual harassment prevention education mandate applies to ANY profession licensed by IDFPR that requires continuing education as a condition of licensure renewal. See our FAQs [here](#).

Recognizing Dementia

This one-hour requirement applies to every licensed healthcare professional who interacts with patients 26 years of age or older. It involves completing a one-hour training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Learn more under Sec. 2105-365 [here](#).

Implicit Bias

This one-hour requirement on recognizing implicit bias in health care applies to all licensed healthcare professionals. Learn more under Sec. 2105-15.7 [here](#).