



## THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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**VIA E-MAIL (if on file) and USPS Mail Service (To mailing address on file)**

DATE: February 15, 2019

TO: Individuals Licensed as Optometrists by the Georgia Board of Optometry

FROM: Georgia State Board of Optometry

RE: **Licensees referred to the Georgia State Board of Optometry for failure to register with the Georgia DPH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**

Georgia Licensed Optometrist:

If you are receiving this memorandum from the Georgia State Board of Optometry (henceforth the "Board") it means your name has been provided to the Board by the Georgia Department of Public Health ("DPH") as an indication that you have a permit authorizing you to prescribe controlled substances, but that you have failed to register with the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP"). During the 2017 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 249, requiring registration with the PDMP. If you have already registered with the PDMP, please submit your DPH verification of registration to the Board.

**If the following applies to you, then you are required to register with the GA PDMP:**

- **If you have a DEA permit, you must register.**
- **If you have a DEA permit, but you do not prescribe, you still must register.**
- **If you have a DEA permit, but you have not prescribed in a long time, you still must register.**

If you do not currently have a DEA permit, you should submit proof to the Board. If you did not renew your permit, you should submit proof to the Board. If you surrendered your permit, you should submit proof to the Board. If you have never had a DEA permit, you should submit proof to the Board. You may consult an attorney as to what would constitute acceptable proof in a court of law.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED\*\*\*:**

**If you fail to register or fail to submit proof of registration to the Board or fail to submit proof that you are not required to register, you may be subjected to public disciplinary action against your license. Such disciplinary action may be permanently on your record. Please submit documentation by any one of the following methods:**

By USPS mail service to: Georgia State Board of Optometry, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217-3858  
Or by fax to: 866-888-7127  
Or by e-mail to [ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.state.ga.us](mailto:ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.state.ga.us)

