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2640: The New Opioid Regulations are in Effect

After many years of meetings and multiple trips to the Governor's Office, the new opioid regulations are now in effect. I know there are a lot of questions. To help answer these questions, we have posted 2640 on the website, as well as a brief bullet point that summarizes the new rules. Please don't rely on the bullet points as complete information. If you have questions, you should first take a few minutes and read the rules for yourself. You can then go to our [FAQ](#) and see if any questions you have are already answered. If not, please feel free to call the Medical Board offices and we will be happy to help find answers to any questions you may have. There is also a [quick reference guide](#) located on the website, found under the heading 'Prescribing Regulation Tools' alongside the FAQ, which will prove useful in your day-to-day practice.

One of our goals at the Board is to educate our licensees. With that in mind, if you have a medical staff meeting that you would like a personal presentation on the rules and regulations, please contact [Frances Carrillo](#) to schedule someone to come to your medical staff meeting. Please have a specific Board related topic in mind when you email or call.

I would also like to reiterate that these new regulations in no way prohibit the responsible prescribing of opioids for pain. This epidemic did not happen overnight, and it will not be remedied overnight. However, working together as a healthcare team, we believe our State and our Nation will persevere and right the ship.