

Executive Updates

Executive Committee Hearing

September 21, 2022

[Recording](#)

Rules, Regulations, & Legislative Committee Hearing

September 22, 2022

[Recording](#)

Full Board Meeting

September 22, 2022

[Recording](#)

Future Board Meetings

November 16-17,
2022

January 18-19,
2023

March 15-16,
2023



In this edition

New guidance on registration as a certifying physician for medical cannabis, and an update on the restrictions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

For more on MSBML:



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Spotlights

Anna Boone

Director of Licensure



Anna Boone, an avid traveler and DIY creator, has worked for MSBML for almost 11 years and now serves as the Director of Licensure. She is responsible for ensuring that MSBML licenses qualified physicians and healthcare providers in a timely manner, and she enjoys the ability to help applicants while networking personally and professionally with a variety of people. Thank you, Anna, for all your hard work!



Renia Dotson, M.D.

Board Member

Dr. Dotson is a retired general/colon and rectal surgeon who now serves as a healthcare consultant advisor. With a major portion of her life devoted to quality patient care and public service, her membership on MSMBL allows her to continue utilizing her expertise in service while transitioning away from healthcare delivery. Dr. Dotson is also a member of the AMA, ACS, and MSMA, and is active in several civic and social organizations in Greenville. She is the mother of two children, Warren and Mikayla, and wife to Dr. Wayne Dotson. She enjoys event planning, sketching, and walking in her free time. Thank you, Dr. Dotson, for your continued leadership!

July Board Actions

July 11, 2022:

David Ari Lapidis, M.D., Surrender of Medical License

July 21, 2022:

Huong Pham, M.D., Suspended with conditions for reinstatement to be successful completion of a Board approved re-entry program

Jeffrey Loving, M.D. Applicant, Applicant's petition for medical licensure in the State of Mississippi is denied

Oscar D. Almeida, M.D., Licensee is suspended indefinitely, but the suspension is stayed

Registering as a Certifying Physician for Medical Cannabis

by: Dr. Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director,
MS State Board of Medical Licensure

Soon after the passage of the Medical Cannabis Act, Dr. Thomas Dobbs, the State Health Officer, reached out to the licensing Boards that would be involved. One of the outcomes of the meetings that followed the initial conversation was that Certifying Practitioners would need to register with their licensing Boards.

MSBML developed a user-friendly system incorporated into our licensing system for physicians and physician assistants to register. The licensee must first register with the MSDH. Once they receive their 10 digit alpha-numeric certification number from the MSDH, they can go into the MELS system and register with MSBML.

For everyone's convenience, the registration process is outlined on the right.

Once you have been issued a Health Department registration number, follow these steps in order to register with the Medical Board:

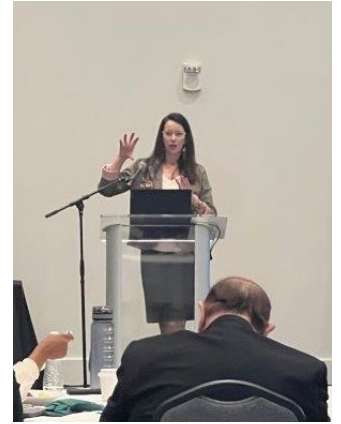
Medical Cannabis Restrictions

After the recent passage of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, the MSDH outlined restrictions on the use and distribution of the treatment. This includes registration requirements, background checks, business regulation, and a list of qualifying conditions to participate in the Medical Cannabis Program. To learn more, visit [this link](#) to the MSDH website.

1. Log in to your Gateway account. This is the same system you use to renew your license. The login page can be accessed via our website, www.msbml.ms.gov, under the Key Links section on the right hand side of the home page. Click the "Licensure Gateway" link.
2. If you have forgotten your Username or Password, click the "Forgot username?" or "Forgot password?" link as applicable.
3. Once you are logged in, click the Green panel on the home page that shows your license number and expiration date.
4. On the next page, click the "Medical Cannabis Registration" button under the License Options section.
5. Answer the first question. If the answer is NO, you will see a message stating that you must first register with the MS Department of Health. If you answer YES, you will be prompted to enter the Department of Health registration number. The system will validate that the number entered is a 10-digit number.
6. Answer the second question. If the answer is NO, you will see a message stating that you must first complete the required 8 hours of continuing education in order to register for Medical Cannabis. If you answer YES, you can continue to the end of the registration process by clicking the "Next" button at the bottom of the page.



MSBML Board Retreat



In August, the MSBML Board met at the Refuge Conference Center in Flowood, MS. Pictured are Executive Director Kenneth Cleveland, M.D. and Chief of Staff Jay Ledbetter giving remarks, as well as guest speakers Lisa Robin and Katie Templeton. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

