

HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

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FAQ: What to Know About License Renewal

It's that time of year again for all Ohio DC's to renew their license. For the second time, this process will be entirely done via the online portal. The OSCA has received many calls about license renewal, so we thought we would put our most Frequently Asked Questions below to hopefully answer any questions you may have!

Q: How many hours do I need for license renewal?

A: In total you need 36 hours of continuing education every 2 years. This total includes the 2 required hours on ethics and professionalism; human trafficking awareness; and/or laws and rules of the board. The other 34 hours must be on board approved chiropractic CE topics. [Those topics can be found here.](#)

Q: Is there a limit on how many online hours I can receive?

A: No. You may take all 36 hours of continuing education online, if you chose. They just must fall under the approved topics.

Q: If I'm licensed in acupuncture, how many chiropractic renewal hours can be acupuncture hours?

A: To keep your acupuncture license, you must complete at least 12 hours of continuing education on the topic of acupuncture. However, you are not limited to only 12 hours of acupuncture related CEs for your chiropractic license renewal. Up to 34 earned hours of acupuncture education can count towards your license renewal - the other 2 must be board mandated hours as mentioned above.

Q: Where can I find my CE hours earned with the OSCA?

A: All your OSCA-earned credits will be on your OSCA profile under "Professional Development." To learn more about where to find these, [click here.](#)

Renew Your License
by 3.31.2020





THE MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED!

[Click Here to View the Updates!](#)

Insurance and Coding Updates

Mercy Health Imaging Services: OSCA is pleased to report that Mercy Health will again be accepting radiology orders from Doctors of Chiropractic and billing the appropriate commercial/private insurance.

For the past year, DCs have experienced issues when referring their patients to Mercy Health Imaging facilities, including their orders not being accepted, and/or, when the imaging order was accepted, the patient would be required to self-pay, regardless of their insurance coverage. The OSCA staff, President Dr. Darla Lammers, and the Ohio Chiropractic Licensing Board all worked with Mercy Health System's leadership to communicate issues created with the changed policy to prompt a revised policy.

Effective March 7, 2020, Mercy Health will again accept imaging orders from Doctors of Chiropractic and bill the patient's private insurance for the services. In the event the patient has Traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage, the patient would remain self-pay per Medicare's policy. If there are any further updates regarding this policy, we will notify OSCA members at that time.

Ohio BWC updates regarding concussion: Ohio BWC has updated their approach to concussion treatment in an attempt to improve care for the injured worker. Those injured workers who have either 1) experienced a mechanism of injury that could lead to concussion, or 2) exhibited signs of concussion within 6 weeks of injury that have been documented in their medical record, will have access to appropriate treatment even if concussion is not yet allowed in the claim. If treatment for concussion symptoms will be required beyond 6 months, an additional allowance will have to be added to the claim. **Please click here to get the webinar slides. If you are interested, please visit the Ohio BWC website to download the full webinar.**

Ohio BWC's Enhanced Care Program: This program was rolled out as a pilot in 2015 and was only available in 16 of Ohio's counties. It is now open state-wide and DCs are included in the eligible providers for participation. **Please click here to learn more about the program and if you'd like to enroll.**

Ohio BWC's Medical and Health Symposium: This year's symposium is May 1-2, 2020. This is a free event offering educational opportunities for CE for providers, as well as, free training for your office support staff. The OSCA had an opportunity to nominate a speaker for this event, and we are pleased that Shilo Harris was selected to present this year. He will be speaking on Friday, May 1 from 9:30-11:00am, "When Life Blows up - From Tragedy to Triumph". **For more information about this free event and to register, click here!**

OSCA 2020 Vacation

The OSCA Member Vacation



was held last month. Around 20 Doctors and their guests attended the trip at the beautiful Hyatt Zilara Resort in Cap Cana, Dominican Republic! We held a continuing education presentation by Dr. Brandy Spaulding (below right) and held an OSCA-Only dinner (below left). Attendees spent the rest of their time walking the beach, enjoying the sparkling infinity pool, and sampling the delicious food at the various restaurants! Thank you to all those that attended! We hope to see you and even more members next time!



UPCOMING EVENTS



March Events: Your final chance to earn CEs!

*****THIS WEEKEND**
March 14th - Dayton***

March 21st - Akron



Full Spine Low Tech Rehab: How to Implement, Document and Code with Confidence! Join Drs. Joe and Brandy Spaulding for a new kind of event! Not only will you get hands on to learn rehab, but how to bill/code it properly so you can use it the very next day! Earn 6 CEs at this innovative event!

[Click Here to Sign up!](#)



LAST CHANCE EVENT - OSCA and District 5 Regional Seminar!

Need those last minute hours? Come to Akron this March to earn 10 hours, **including your required ethics/professionalism** hours at this all day event, sponsored by District 5.

[Click here to register!](#)

Preferred Affiliate Member Spotlight

Infinedi

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