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FREE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) OPPORTUNITY: ILLINOIS SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (IL SANE) TRAINING

The mission of the Illinois Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (IL SANE) Program is to increase the number of SANEs working in Illinois by providing high-quality, consistent education and support for serving sexual assault survivors. By educating healthcare providers, survivors of sexual assault will be assured of receiving quality patient care; full, fair, and accurate forensic evaluations; and a multidisciplinary approach that holds offenders accountable for these horrific crimes.

Sexual Assault Examiners are crucial in ensuring that sexual assault patients receive more compassionate care. Specially-trained healthcare providers are able to reduce re-traumatization of patients and improve the quality of forensic evidence collection, which in turn increases prosecution rates of offenders.

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program has made available a two-hour online training to hospitals pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA). This training focuses on sexual assault and medical forensic services training and, while available for all medical professionals, is essential for Emergency Medicine physicians and physician assistants because those professionals treat sexual assault victims the most often. Find the instructions and learn more about the online training for emergency department clinical staff here: <https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/2-Hour+IL+Sexual+Assault+Medical+Forensic+Training+Letter+links+2020.pdf>.

Learn more about IL SANE Program by going here: <https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Safer-Communities/Responding-to-Sexual-Assault/SANE/>



NEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICIANS TO REACTIVATE LICENSES

IDFPR has heard your request to have reinstatement and restoration applications available online and, as a result, embarked on a pilot program. This pilot launched on Wednesday, March 27 and will be for professionals seeking to reinstate or restore certain licenses, including physicians.

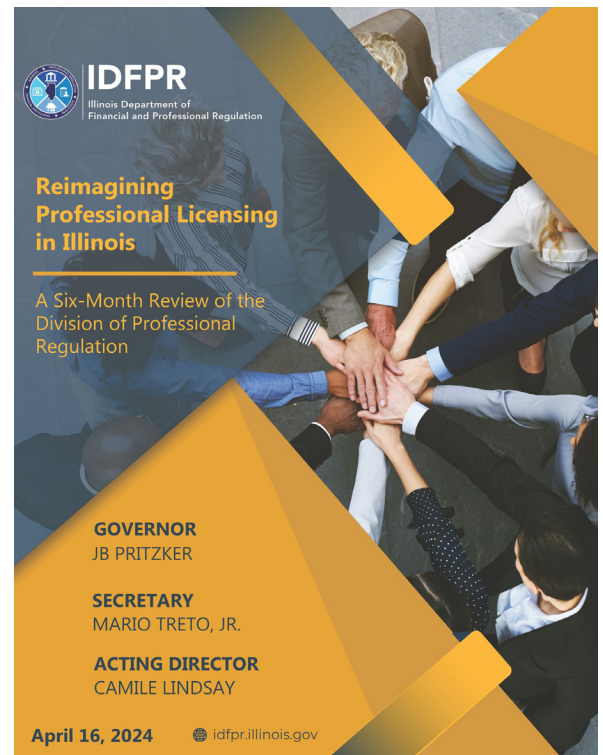
You may already be aware of our newer webpage, [Reactivate Your License](#), that now streamlines requests for reinstatement or restoration with the Department. With this pilot program comes a new webpage, [Instructions for Reactivating Your License](#), which has a self-guided chart that enables individuals to identify what fees are owed, any continuing education requirements, and which application to use.

We hope this proves to be successful for the industry and look forward to hearing your feedback.

NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS UNDER NEW DPR LEADERSHIP

Under new Acting Director of Professional Regulation Camile Lindsay's leadership, we're streamlining our processes and taking proactive steps to improve efficiencies for the review of professional licensure applications.

Learn more about the improvements we've made and what's to come in our report, "Reimagining Illinois: A Six-Month Review of the Division of Professional Regulation," found here: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/dpr-six-months-report.pdf>.





FILE A COMPLAINT WITH IDFPR

COMPLAINT

IDFPR is a complaint-driven agency. This means that the Department relies on responsible entities and individuals to assist in the oversight of 1.2 million credentialed licensees in the State of Illinois. If you experience a situation of unprofessional, unethical, or immoral conduct, abuse, or fraud, you can aid the Department in its protection of the public by filing a complaint. If you wish to file a complaint against any individual or entity regulated by the Division of Professional Regulation, follow the instructions on our website: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/admin/dpr/dprcomplaint.html>. You can submit complaints online or by printing, completing, and mailing a paper complaint form.

When submitting a complaint, please be as detailed as possible. Include your name, address, and telephone number so the Division can contact you if necessary. Beginning May 15, anyone who files a complaint will receive a confirmation email. Complainants will be able to submit supporting evidence (documents, pictures, etc.) by responding to the confirmation email.

All complaints will be promptly forwarded to a Division investigator. Complaints may be submitted anonymously. It is especially important to be as detailed as possible when submitting a complaint against a licensee if you decide to do so anonymously. While anonymous complaints receive the same consideration as any other complaint, successful investigations and prosecutions are more challenging since most cases rely upon an identifiable complainant or witness.

Interested in knowing the outcome of certain complaints? The Department issues an enforcement report each month that maintains the public disciplines issued profession by profession. You can find all of the monthly reports on the Department's website here: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/news/disciplines/discreports.html>.



REFRESH AND LEARN HOW TO AVOID HEALTHCARE FRAUD

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ALERT**

The Civil Administrative Code permits IDFPR to automatically suspend licensees for convictions of criminal health care and criminal insurance fraud in accordance with 20 ILCS 2105/2105-170.

Under the Act, “a health care worker, as defined by the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act, licensed by the Department shall be automatically and indefinitely suspended if the licensee has either been convicted of or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in a criminal prosecution to a criminal health care or criminal insurance fraud offense requiring intent under the laws of the State, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States of America, including, but not limited to, criminal Medicare or Medicaid fraud. A certified copy of the conviction or judgment shall be the basis for the suspension. If a licensee requests a hearing, then the sole purpose of the hearing shall be limited to the length of the suspension of the licensee’s license, as the conviction or judgment is a matter of record and may not be challenged.”

Licensees are encouraged to review the following compliance resources made available to providers on the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ website to avoid violations of US fraud and abuse laws. The OIG has created the educational materials linked below to assist in teaching new and refreshing experienced physicians about the Federal laws designed to protect the Medicare and Medicaid programs and program beneficiaries from fraud, waste, and abuse.

- [A Roadmap for New Physicians Office of Inspector General | Government Oversight | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [Fraud & Abuse Laws | Office of Inspector General | Government Oversight | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(hhs.gov\)](#)



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