

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Acupuncture



License & Certification Renewal

Acupuncturist - The Fall 2023 Renewal Season is winding down. December 1st marked the start of the renewal grace period. Licensees with November 30, 2023 expiration dates still have a little more time to renew but at an increased fee rate of \$651. The fee has increased \$100 because your renewal is considered late. PLEASE NOTE that Licensees who were selected to participate in the CEU audit must submit proof of CEU compliance before their renewal application will be approved.

Licensees that don't renew by December 31st must submit a reinstatement application for the fee rate of \$751. The reinstatement application also requires that Licensees submit proof of the required CEUs, including the Implicit Bias training mandated by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021. [Click here to Renew](#)

Auricular Detoxification Specialist

- The Fall 2023 Renewal Season for Auricular Detoxification Specialists (ADS) started December 1st. ADS' with December 31, 2023 certification expiration dates have been able to submit Renewal Registration Applications since November 1, 2023. The registration renewal fee is \$25.00 for 2 years, if submitted by December 31, 2023. As of January 1, 2024 your registration will be considered late and require Registration Reinstatement. The registration reinstatement fee is \$100. As well, don't forget your obligation to complete Implicit Bias training.

WELCOME to December!



Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and MedChi jointly sponsor a webinar series, the BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: [Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve](#). All webinars are on the second Thursday of the month from 5-6pm. The next webinar, 10 Tips for Good Mental Health, led by Amy Hatfield, MS, RD, LD is on December 14th. [Register here](#)

These webinars are for Maryland's behavioral health and medical health care workers of all disciplines, whether working in community or hospital settings. They are designed to enhance both health care worker self-care and resultantly the care they provide, as health care workers combat numerous stressors including the COVID-19 pandemic, social justice issues, and other stressors that can potentially impact delivered care. CMEs will be available at no cost, as will Participant Certificates, which for other disciplines may qualify for CEUs or other continuing education credit, although these are not approved for CEUs by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. Participants should check with their certifying organizations to see how these would apply.

For questions, or if you are interested in delivering a presentation, being a moderator, or have self-care topics/presenters to suggest, contact Steve Whitefield at steven.whitefield@maryland.gov.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and the Behavioral Health Administration of the Maryland Department of Health. MedChi is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. MedChi designates this webinar educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity, as should other disciplines who claim credit for Participant Certificates.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

National Strategy to Reduce Food Loss and Waste Briefing

The White House, Office of Public Engagement extends an invitation for healthcare

Please refer to the email sent on November 1st for renewal details.

REMINDER - The Board has eliminated processing manual payments. This means that checks and money orders are no longer being accepted as forms of payment for any service. Please feel free to contact Board staff to get assistance transitioning to the new processes at mdh.acupuncture@maryland.gov



Community Conversations

The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) is pleased to host the **Accelerating Health Equity: Driving Change Together** in-person community conversation. MHHD welcomes all Marylanders to attend this conversation at State Center in Baltimore. [Click here](#) to learn more and register to attend.

Important Dates

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 1pm

Legislative Session Start: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Spring 2024 License Renewal: Monday, April 1st

Fall 2024 License Renewal: Tuesday, October 1st

2024 Board Meeting Dates:

- January 10th
- March 12th
- May 14th
- July 9th
- September 10th
- November 19th

practitioners to join a virtual briefing on the Biden-Harris Administration's Draft National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics on Tuesday, December 5th at 4:00pm ET. We will be joined by officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Use this [RSVP Link](#) to receive meeting access information. Read the "Draft National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics." EPA welcomes comments on the strategy for 30 days at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), Docket ID No. PA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0415.



Building a Healthier Maryland

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is thrilled to announce the launch of Building a Healthier Maryland, a collaborative initiative focused on the state health assessment and state health improvement initiative. This effort aims to enhance the health and well-being of Maryland residents. As part of this initiative, you are invited to participate in a brief [online survey](#) crafted to identify the most pressing health issues impacting our communities. Your input will play a key role in developing and implementing a state health improvement plan that leads to measurable improvements in the health of Maryland residents.

Survey Details:

Eligibility: Maryland resident, 18 years of age or older

Survey Closes: January 3, 2024

Languages: Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean



Thank you for helping Marylanders integrate East Asian medicine into their health goals.

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The mission of the Maryland Board of Acupuncture is to protect the health, safety and welfare of Maryland residents seeking care of State licensed acupuncturists. This mission is fulfilled through the licensure and regulation of Acupuncturists. More specifically, the Board ensures that those seeking licensure and those continuing to practice meet State standards; including complaint investigation when a violation of the law is alleged.