

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS WHO DO NOT HAVE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Effective October 1, 2017, in accordance with Health Occupations Article, Title §14-508, Md. Code Annotated:

Any physician practicing medicine in Maryland shall notify a patient *in writing*, at the patient's first visit during any period in which:

- The physician does not maintain medical professional liability insurance coverage; or
- The physician's medical professional liability insurance coverage has lapsed for any period of time and the coverage has not been renewed.

The physician must provide written notification to the patient:

1. At the first visit by the patient during any period in which the physician does not maintain medical professional liability insurance, unless the visit is for the purpose of receiving incidental medical care that will be rendered free of charge; and
2. As part of each informed consent obtained before any procedure or operation discussed or offered for the patient's consideration is performed.

The written notification must be:

1. Signed by the patient at the time of the patient's visit or when the informed consent is signed; and
2. Retained by the physician as part of the physician's patient records.

Any physician practicing medicine in Maryland who does not maintain medical professional liability insurance coverage shall post this information in a conspicuous location in the physician's place of practice.

The document that the physician should post in his/her office and the notifications for patients are available on the Board's website at

https://www.mbp.state.md.us/resource_information/res_pro/resource_Practitioner_forms_phy.aspx.