



*Alaska State Medical Board*

# **Board News Bullets**

## ***Topic 5: Beware of Third Party License Renewal Companies!***

The Alaska State Medical Board has become aware of third party license renewal services who are contacting physicians by e-mail regarding their medical license renewals. They are particularly focusing on physicians in states that allow for on-line renewals.

The Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has reported one of its physicians was recently contacted by an online service offering to file his medical license renewal for him. The physician mistakenly believed the e-mail was from the board, completed the application and was charged \$495 by a company called Medlicense.com. The fee charged was over and above the licensing fee for the board. The mistake was found only after the board contacted the physician because his renewal application was late. Had the physician renewed his license directly with the board, the renewal fee would have been \$150. Because he used this service, he paid a total of \$644 for the renewal.

The site states it will complete all licensure forms for renewal in all 50 states and is located at <http://www.medlicense.com>. This business and others like it are in no way connected to any state licensing board including Alaska.

Please be aware of these third party services and if you elect to use such a service for the renewal of your license instead of the state board's official website and forms, you do so at your own risk and are responsible for any inaccuracies or missed deadlines that may result.

We urge our license holders to only use the Alaska State Medical Board's website and official forms when conducting business with the board.

### **Questions about the information contained in this Bullet?**

Please contact the board's staff at 907/269-8163 or [license@commerce.state.ak.us](mailto:license@commerce.state.ak.us)  
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