

## State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics



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### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE RULES**

This notice is being made in accordance with section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4779-1-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, to inform all interested parties that the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics will conduct a **Public Hearing on THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 at 3:00 PM on the 31st floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, Room EAST - A, located at 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215.**

The following rule amendments are being proposed for adoption to more effectively and efficiently govern the operations of the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, and to more accurately and clearly define regulatory requirements for its licensees and other stakeholders as the Board moves to **online application processing**. The Board is proposing changes to four (4) rules.

**4779-5-03 – License Application Procedure -- TO AMEND** -- the changes address aspects that were not effectively dealt with in the amendments processed earlier this year. Thus, language referring to "a form" on the website refers instead to "a method provided" on the website, and directs that the mail-in form should only be utilized by those "unable to utilize the online application method ...". An additional change recognizes the expansion of Pedorthic Exam vendors to include another entity whose exam is approved by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE), aligning this language with the recent changes in the exam vendor provisions.

**4779-6-01 – Temporary Application Procedure – TO AMEND** -- these are changes similar in nature and substance to those being advanced in 4779-5-03 as noted above.

**4779-8-01 – Renewal of License – TO AMEND** -- The following process changes are addressed:

- (1) Establishes licensee responsibility to notify the Board of a change in contact information within 30 days of the change;
- (2) eliminates language requiring a late charge to be set at 50% of the payment due amount; fees are set pursuant to the fee schedule established in 4779-12-01;
- (3) reinforces the move away from production of paper documents to virtual and online-sourced data points;
- (4) specifies that a license status changes from Active to Inactive if the expiration date passes without a renewal payment being recorded, and sets a 30 day limit to the allowance for a practitioner to continue to practice with an expired license;
- (5) provides that the Board can require an update to Continuing Education for an applicant seeking to reinstate a lapsed or expired license.

**4779-12-01 – Fees – TO AMEND** – these are changes to the parameters within which the Board must operate when assigning fees. One provides that the cost of a license to be issued or upgraded should not exceed the cost of a license to be renewed, and that the cost to renew a combined license type should not exceed the cost to renew same/similar professional credentials when held as separate licenses.