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DEAPA's Draft Legislation is Sponsored!

Democrat Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio of Sanford agreed to sponsor the PA legislation earlier this week. Rep Mastraccio is a coveted sponsor as she is a member of the LCRED Committee which will eventually take first action on the bill later in the year.

The draft legislation was met with excellent early support already gaining co-sponsorship from LCRED Committee House Chair, Representative Erin Herbig of Belfast.

DEAPA seeks support from the other members of the LCRED Committee:

Senate Members:

John Patrick, Oxford
John Cleveland, Androscoggin
Andre Cushing, Penobscot

House Members:

Paul Gilbert, Jay
Scott Hamann, South Portland
Andrew Mason, Topsham
Amy Fern Volk, Scarborough
Brian Duprey, Hampden
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James Campbell, Newfield

If you live in any of the LCRED Committee Members Districts please contact them today and ask them to co-sponsor the bill today.

Every PA in Maine is important to this bill. Those PAs who do not live in the above listed districts can prepare your elected members now. We need their support to get the bill passed too. Contact them today to introduce yourself, explain the PA Profession to them, and ask for their support of the bill.

Legislator contact info can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/townlist.htm>
Draft legislation and talking points will be available on the DEAPA website, in the advocacy section, the beginning of next week.

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TALKING POINTS

"An Act to Modernize the Statutes Governing Physician Assistants"

Overall, the intent of the legislation is to:

- *Include physician assistants (PAs) on the boards that license and regulate their profession*
- *Create one set of rules, approved by both medical boards, governing the PA profession*
- *Allow PAs to delegate routine clinical tasks to medical assistants*

Include Physician Assistants (PAs) on the Boards that License and Regulate their Profession

- Currently, there is not a designated PA position on the boards that regulate and license the PA profession.
- These sections add a PA to the Board of Licensure in Medicine (BOLIM) and Board of Osteopathic Licensure by expanding each board's membership by one position.

The advisory committee that regularly reviews the PA profession's rules will include the PAs from both Boards of Licensure.

Sections 1, 2, & 3

Create one set of rules, approved by both medical boards, governing the PA profession

- In order to create harmonized PA profession rules, a law applying to only one medical board must be deleted.
- The medical boards will adopt a uniform rule addressing PAs employing supervising physicians.
- By law, PAs must be licensed by the medical board of their supervising physician.
- PAs commonly change supervising physicians.
- The two medical boards have different rules, including different scopes of practice and continuing medical education requirements, for the PA profession.

The PA profession should have one set of harmonized rules developed jointly by BOLIM and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure.

Sections 4, 7, & 8

Allow PAs to delegate routine clinical tasks to medical assistants

- Current statute regarding delegation of medical acts to Medical Assistants dates back to the 1970's, before PAs and NPs commonly served as PCPs. Access to care for services such as immunizations (e.g. flu shots) and routine blood draws for lab tests will be enhanced by the proposed legislative change.

DEAPA Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 4:30pm

This meeting will be in conjunction with the Winter Conference.

In person attendance is preferred, but you do have the option to call in.

Call in number is 1-218-862-7200. Access Code is 448-896.

All Board Members, Committee Chairs & Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

Those who chair a committee, please send your reports to Maureen by Feb 1st

Mark your calendars for: PA Day at the Legislature

March 19, 2013, 8am to 4pm

Maine State House Hall of Flags

Registration Materials Coming Soon!

DEAPA Government Affairs Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 23rd at 8pm

Conference Call In: 1-218-862-7200

Access Code: 448896

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Wednesday, February 6th at 8pm

Meeting held in conjunction with the Winter Conference

Conference Call Option available (same # and code)

UNE/Maine Geriatric Education Center

Preparing for the Future:

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias

New Horizons in Diagnosis, Treatment, Screening Tools,
Clinical Trials and Resources for Caregivers to
Facilitate Person-Centered Coordinated Care

Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and
their office practices, as well as all health professionals who
care for adults and families affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

Save the Date(s)!

March 13, 2013 in Freeport or June 15, 2013 in Bar Harbor

No Cost!! Registration Details Coming Soon!!

Mayo Regional increases military leave benefit

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Medical providers who are members of the National Guard or reserve members of the Armed Forces have a supportive environment at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft.

Mayo Regional has always been committed to protecting the employment rights of employees on military leaves of absence. Employees are granted leaves of absence for military service if they are inducted into the U.S. Armed Forces, or if they are members of the Armed Forces reserves or the National Guard.

Mayo stepped up its support for service members recently when the hospital revised its military leave policy to add a new benefit for full-time eligible employees who are in good standing and who have been employed at Mayo for one year or more.

Such employees who are involuntarily called to active duty for periods greater than 30 consecutive days will be paid the difference between total compensation from the military and the regular base wages/salary that would have been earned at Mayo each month, starting at the date the leave begins. The benefit pays up to a maximum of \$5,000 per month for the first 12 months of leave.

“It has long been recognized that those who serve in the military do so for the simple reason they desire to serve and protect our nation, and often do this at pay far below civilian pay scales. Mayo employees who are called up to the active military should not have to suffer a financial loss while they are serving their country,” said Edward J. Hannon, Mayo’s President and CEO.

Hannon, who is a U.S. Navy veteran, said the military leave policy revision is simply the right thing to do. Mayo has several members of its staff who are members of the Guard and Reserves who are subject to recall. A Physician Assistant in the hospital’s Emergency Department was recently notified that he has been called to active duty in Kuwait with the U.S. Army Reserves Medical Specialist Corps.

At the conclusion of a military leave, Mayo employees generally have the right to return to the same position held prior to the leave or to positions with equivalent seniority, pay and benefits.

For more information contact:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 30, 2013

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, January 15 from 1- 2 PM EST Join Dr. Brian Pence , Associate Director of Graduate Studies, and Brian Seavey for an online information session to learn about the MSc-GH program. The webinar will include a brief lecture and time for questions from participants.

[RSVP today Join the session](#)

Should you have any questions, please email me at any time. We look forward to getting to know you during our information session and reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants

MAPA Spring Pharmacology CME

At the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA

March 16, 2013

6.25 hours of CME

Register now at www.mass-pa.com

Downeast Association of Physician Assistants 23rd Annual Winter CME Conference February 6-9, 2013 Sunday River Resort

To register on-line go to: deapa.com

Session Topics Include:

- ◆ Overdoses & PMP Database
 - ◆ Complementary Medicine after Breast Cancer Treatment
 - ◆ Affordable Care Act
 - ◆ Pediatrics 5210
- ◆ 2 hours of CME Requirements for Maine PAs with Schedule II prescribing privilege



The Grand Summit Resort Hotel combines the best of two worlds. It offers all the amenities you would expect from a full service hotel, like two restaurants, a heated outdoor pool with hot tub, fitness and health center with sauna, free wi-fi, public computer, gift shop and game room. Accommodations range from standard hotel rooms to one-bedroom suites with kitchenettes. Additional services and amenities include valet parking, day care, ski check, spa and concierge.



For more information and to be added to the mailing list, contact Diane McMahon, DEAPA Staff Liaison at 207-622-3374 ext. 216 or dmcMahon@mainemed.com

Additional hotel information can be found at www.sundayriver.com/lodging/LodgingDescriptions/GrandSummitHotel.html

