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Current Maryland Licensees:
1,610—Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists

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2012 Online License Renewals

Maryland licensed dietitian-nutritionists who are eligible to renew in 2012 will receive an instruction letter from the Board in early August. Please check if the expiration date on your license is October 31, 2012. If so, you will be able to go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic starting **September 5, 2012** to renew your license.

Please be advised that the instruction letter will be your only renewal notice. You may renew online between September 5, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Please note that online renewals between November 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

Before you begin, you will need the following:

1. Your Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice License Number and Social Security Number.
2. Computer with Internet Explorer Browser access and a printer. You will print a copy of your application and invoice or receipt.
3. Continuing Education records.
4. Visa or MasterCard. You may also mail a check or money order to the Board.

To Renew Online:

1. Go to the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic and click **RENEW ONLINE**.
2. Read the instructions and click **LOGIN** to proceed to the Logon Screen.
3. Enter your **Board of Dietetic Practice License Number. D, DX, B, THEN THE NUMBER (i.e., D Zero # # # #).**
4. Enter the **last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.**
5. Fill in the information as requested. (Note that some fields may already be completed) Please note that when you renew online, no paperwork is required. You will list a minimum of **30 CEUS** electronically by category between 11/1/10 - 10/31/12. The Board will conduct a random audit after the renewal period.
6. Prior to selecting a method of payment, you must certify that all information in the application is accurate.
7. Preview your application and then click **Submit Application**. Please note that once submitted the application cannot be changed. Print and maintain a copy of your application.

Payment Methods:

1. Select Visa or MasterCard credit card payment. The 2012 renewal fee is \$278. Only click once to confirm payment. Applications will be processed within 1-2 business days. **OR**
2. Select **PAYMENT BY MAIL**. You may mail a check or money order in the amount of \$278 to the Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice. Your license will not be processed until payment is received. The Board must receive payment on or before October 31, 2012. Payments received between November 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

If you are unable to complete your application online for any reason, please contact the Board at (410) 764-4733.

If your license expires on October 31, 2012 and you do not renew by December 31, 2012, you are considered to be practicing without a license and are subject to disciplinary action. In addition, licensed dietitian-nutritionists who have not completed the entire renewal process by December 31, 2012, are required to apply for reinstatement and pay a reinstatement fee of \$578 in order to practice dietetics in Maryland.

INACTIVE STATUS

Licensees who are not planning to renew, may apply for inactive status before December 31, 2012. The inactive status fee is \$75. You may download the inactive status form from the Board's website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic.

NEW REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2012

The main purpose of the new regulations is to carry out the mandates of House Bill 114 – Health Occupations Boards – Revisions, from the 2010 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. The following regulations were effective April 16, 2012. Please visit our website at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/dietetic/ or the Division of State Documents website at www.dsd.state.md.us to access the complete set of regulations for the Board. (Please note that new language is in italics.)

Subtitle 56 BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE

10.56.09 *Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties*

.01 Scope.

This chapter establishes the standards by which the Board may impose [an] *a disciplinary sanction* or administrative monetary penalty, not to exceed \$5,000, on an individual licensed under Health Occupations Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, for an act or omission prohibited under Health Occupations Article, §5-311, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(3) (text unchanged)

(4) *“Sanction” means a disciplinary action reprimanding, restricting, suspending or revoking a licensee.*

.03 Imposition of a Penalty.

A. After a hearing under Health Occupations Article, §5-312, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 10.56.04, *and subject to the guidelines set forth in Regulation .05 of this chapter*, the Board may *discipline a licensee* or impose an administrative monetary penalty of \$5,000 or less on a licensee who is found to have committed a violation of Health Occupations Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, and this subtitle.

B. (text unchanged)

.04 Mitigating and Aggravating Factors to be Considered in the Assessment of a Sanction or Penalty.

Depending on the facts and circumstances of each case, and to the extent that they apply, the Board may consider the following aggravating and mitigating factors in determining whether the sanction in a particular case should fall outside the range of sanctions established by the guidelines. These factors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. *Mitigating factors:*

(1) *The licensee’s lack of a prior disciplinary record;*

(2) *The licensee self-reported the violation to the board;*

(3) *The licensee’s full and voluntary admissions of misconduct to the board and cooperation during board proceedings;*

(4) *The licensee implemented remedial measures to correct or mitigate harm arising from the misconduct;*

(5) *The licensee made timely good-faith effort to make restitution or to rectify the consequences of the misconduct;*

(6) *Evidence of rehabilitation or rehabilitative potential;*

(7) *Absence of premeditation to commit the misconduct;*

(8) *Absence of potential harm to public or adverse impact;*

(9) *The licensee’s conduct was an isolated incident and not likely to recur; and*

(10) *The licensee’s prior community service and present value to the community; and*

B. *Aggravating factors:*

(1) *The licensee has a previous criminal or administrative disciplinary history;*

(2) *The violation was committed deliberately or with gross negligence or recklessness;*

(3) *The violation had the potential for, or caused, serious patient harm;*

(4) *The violation was part of a pattern of detrimental conduct;*

(5) *The licensee was motivated to perform the violation by his or her financial gain;*

(6) *The vulnerability of the patient or patients;*

(7) *The licensee attempted to hide error or misconduct from patients or others;*

(8) *The licensee concealed, falsified or destroyed evidence or presented false testimony or evidence;*

(9) *The licensee failed to cooperate with the investigation;*

(10) *Previous attempts at rehabilitation of the licensee were unsuccessful; and*

(11) *The licensee committed the violation under the guise of treatment.*

C. *The existence of one or more of these factors does not impose on the Board or an administrative law judge any requirement to articulate its reasoning for not exercising its discretion to impose a sanction outside of the range of sanctions set forth*

in this subtitle.

D. Nothing in this regulation requires the Board or an administrative law judge to make findings of fact with respect to any of these factors.

.05 Guidelines for Disciplinary Sanctions.

A. Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may impose the following sanctions and penalties for violations of the Maryland Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists Act and its regulations according to the minimum and maximum sanctions and penalties set forth as follows:

<i>Violation</i>	<i>Minimum Sanction</i>	<i>Maximum Sanction</i>
(1) Continuing education	Reprimand	Active suspension for 1 year and \$1,000 fine
(2) Criminal convictions or pleads nolo contendere	Reprimand	Revocation and \$5,000 fine
(3) Noncompliance with previous Board order	Reprimand	Active suspension for 2 years and \$5,000 fine
(4) Fails to meet accepted standards of practice	Reprimand	Revocation and \$5,000 fine
(5) Impairment (mentally, physically, or through the use of drugs or alcohol)	Probation	Denial of a license application or revocation and \$5,000 fine
(6) Fraud	Reprimand	Denial of a license application or revocation and \$5,000 fine
(7) Reciprocal discipline	Reprimand	Denial of a license application or revocation and \$5,000 fine
(8) Sexual misconduct	Active suspension for 1 year	Revocation and \$5,000 fine
(9) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of dietetics	Reprimand	Revocation and \$5,000 fine
(10) Aiding the unauthorized practice of dietetics	Reprimand	Active suspension for 1 year and \$1,000 fine
(11) Performing the unauthorized practice of dietetics	\$0	\$5,000 fine

B. If a licensee is found in violation of more than one category enumerated in this chapter, the ranges with the maximum sanction and the range with the maximum penalty associated with those categories shall be applied.

NEW WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Board has a new website address:

www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/dietetic

In addition, Board staff has new email addresses:

Marie Savage, Director: **Marie.Savage@maryland.gov**

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NEW LICENSEES

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THANK YOU TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

At the May 17, 2012 Board Meeting, Dr. Paul E. Araujo, LDN, Doris F. Henning, LDN and Debra D. Schulze, LDN were presented with Governor's Citations for their service to the Board. Dr. Araujo served nine years on the Board, including four years as Chairman. Ms. Henning served eight years on the Board, including two years as Chair. Ms. Schulze served eight years on the Board, including service as Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Board. Thank you Dr. Araujo, Ms. Henning, and Ms. Schulze for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the Board.



BOARD WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW BOARD COUNSEL:

The Board welcomes our new members. Concepcion Placiente, LDN is the Consulting Primary Practice representative on the Board. Nancy Ferrone, LDN is the Administrative Dietetic Practice representative on the Board, and Ivis Forrester, Ph.D., LDN is the Faculty representative on the Board. Also, the Board was assigned a new Board Counsel, Ari Elbaum, Assistant Attorney General. The Board looks forward to working with our new members and Board Counsel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Licenses are required by law to give the Board written notice of any change of address **within 30 days**. There is a \$50 late fee for failure to notify the Board within 30 days of a change of address. Please remember to notify the Board in writing of any changes of address. This will ensure that licensees receive important notices and renewal information in a timely fashion from the Board.