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TO: Professional Nursing and Healthcare Organizations

FROM: The Board of Registration in Nursing

**Re: eLicensing System Upgrade**

December 18, 2018

The Department of Public Health is excited to inform you that the Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration (MCSR) system is moving to an online system! Physicians, dentists, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and CDTM pharmacists will be able to apply and renew their MCSRs through the online eLicensing system that the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (BHPL) Boards<sup>1</sup> already use.

While not all BHPL licensees have an applicable MCSR, in order to move MCSRs online, the eLicensing system will undergo a **system upgrade beginning Friday December 28, 2018 at 2pm through Monday January 7, 2019 at 10am**. During this time, **licensees will not be able to apply for or renew BHPL Board<sup>2</sup> licenses**. Verification ([Check-a-License](#)) will still be available with data updated as of 2pm December 28, 2018 and will be updated on January 7, 2019 at 10am.

In an effort to reduce the inconvenience of the system upgrade, **Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (BHPL) Boards will:**

- Waive license renewal late fees until March 7, 2019 for all licenses and permits due to expire between December 28, 2018 through January 7, 2019.
- Allow early renewals.

For future updates about the system upgrade, we invite you to visit our [website](#). Thank you for your patience as we launch online MCSR initial and renewal applications for physicians, dentists, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and CDTM pharmacists.

Sincerely,

  
Ryan Walker, MPA  
Acting Director  
Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration

<sup>1</sup> **The BHPL Boards include:** Board of Registration in Nursing, Board Registration in Pharmacy, Board of Registration in Dentistry, Board of Registration of Physician Assistants, Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors, Board of Registration of Perfusionists, Board of Respiratory Care, Board of Registration in Naturopathy, Board of Certified Community Health Workers, Board of Registration of Nursing Home Administrators.