



OPP Board Decision and Action Agenda  
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State Board Of Orthotics, Prosthetics, & Pedorthics

**New Member Welcomed – Prosthetic Practitioner**

**Jeffrey Hagman, LPO**, Licensed and ABC Certified in Prosthetics, was appointed to the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics for a term beginning February 11, 2014, and ending December 6, 2016, by **Governor John Kasich**. Last year, Jeff opened his own prosthetics practice in the Cleveland area: Bright Prosthetics, Inc.

Mr. Hagman earned a BA in Marketing from the University of Toledo and did his post-graduate Certificate Program work at Eastern Michigan University. His early training and residency was gained at Perry Prosthetics in the Toledo area, where he worked his way up from a technician to the Lead Prosthetist position.

“I’m grateful to have received the Governor’s endorsement for this position. Ever since starting my prosthetics career, I knew that someday I would get involved at a higher level and contribute time back to our profession. Just as I focus on excellence in patient care in my prosthetics practice, I hope to help promote excellence and attention to patient care within our profession through my service on the Board.”

**Represent!**

Another O&P Practitioner seat “times out” near the end of this year, as does the Consumer members’ spot – **Bill Neu, LPO**, and **Robert Reed, Consumer Member**, will have served for two consecutive terms. We are aware of an applicant for the Consumer position, but the process is still open to those who may be interested and willing.

**Terms are for three years** and an initial term is subject to re-appointment at the discretion of the Governor. Appointment authority is vested in the Governor, and the Governor’s office is interested in the active involvement of stakeholders and professional associations in forwarding candidates for consideration. Active, informed and committed-to-service licensees are encouraged to consider the leadership opportunity. Contact the office for further information, and see the application:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application.pdf>

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## New licenses approved

### Orthotics-Prosthetics

**CONLEY**, Darrick – by reciprocity  
**RIZZO**, Evelyn  
**AHLSTROM**, Joshua – by reciprocity

### Prosthetics

**PHILLIPS**, Michael – TEMP  
**PRAJAPATI**, Raghvendra – TEMP\* (holds LO)

### Orthotics

**SUMMERFIELD**, Stacy – TEMP  
**GREER**, Jacquelyn

### Pedorthics

**HESS**, Joyce - TEMP  
**DONALDSON**, Casey – TEMP\*  
**BOGGS**, Ashely  
**MARTIEN**, Mark – TEMP

\* second issuance/new number

### TEMP Licenses Upgraded by Completion of Requirements:

Steven **Beeley**, LPO – passed exams  
Richard **Plona**, LPED – passed exams & completed supervision  
Katrina **Grosser**, LO – passed exams  
Thomas **Gore**, LPO – passed exams & completed supervision  
Eric **Steinmetz**, LPO – passed exams

## Active Military / Veteran / Spouse rule package approved for filing, hearing.

### **WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WHY**

1. Rule Promulgation in compliance with the requirements of [Am. Sub. HB 98](#) of the 130th General Assembly and in compliance with [Executive Order 2013-05K](#) and directives/recommendations issued thereto.
2. **Promoting opportunities for and inclusion of veterans and their spouses in the planning and execution of occupational licensing functions of administrative and regulatory agencies.**
3. Providing “one-stop guidance” for veterans seeking entrance to or continuation of service in the professions regulated by this Board.

To read the exact language of the rule proposals and the documentation supporting, please click to the [“Rules Pending Review”](#) tab on the website or go to [the page on the Register of Ohio](#).

## Legislative Alert: Bill to Exempt Diabetic Therapeutic Shoe Fitters Moves to Senate

[House Bill 326](#) seeks to fully exempt diabetic therapeutic shoe fitting from the scope of regulated Orthotic and Pedorthic services. While it sets forth certain baseline standards for persons providing the service, it would remove this Board’s authority to assure minimum standards are observed and would open up the service to anyone who has taken a 20-hour manufacturer’s training course. The Board has approved a [Position Paper](#) as regards the proposal, click the link to download.

Licensees and stakeholders are encouraged to contact the bill sponsors and Senate Commerce and Labor Committee members, and their own state representatives and senators at the following links:

House: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/> or call 1-800-282-0253

Senate: <http://www.ohiosenate.gov/senate/index> or call 1-800-282-0253

### **Board Approves Statement on CMS' OTS Orthotics Designations**

For the past several years, the Board has offered written guidance and a protocol rubric to the OPP licensee and DME provider communities regarding the Ohio standards for determination of Orthotic devices requiring or not requiring licensed dispensation in compliance with Revised Code Chapter 4779. Recognizing that recent changes in language and policy pushed out by CMS' DMEPOS regulator is causing some confusion in the provider community regarding the effect of those changes in Ohio, the Board approved [a statement of clarification](#) in this regard.

In summary: **“Ohio regulatory language does not align exactly with federal language, and the Ohio Board has determined that devices marketed and reimbursed under many of the HCPCS codes referenced in CMS' action meet the requirements of custom fit devices and do not meet the Ohio definition of a device requiring 'minimal fitting.'”**

To read the full statement, click through to the [DME Providers tab](#) or use the link above.

### **Neuro-prosthetics and Neuro-orthotics defined**

In response to stakeholder feedback indicating that it may be helpful to include some newer technologies/modalities within the recognized scope of O&P Practice, the Board by unanimous vote determined to seek an additional device description in the statutory definitions section as follows:

**“A neuro-prosthetic or neuro-orthotic device is an external medical device that electrically stimulates nerve and muscle to effect or improve physiological function or movement-oriented function and that may also assist in management of acute and chronic pain. It does not include devices implanted into the body by a physician.”**

The language would need to be included in a revision of Chapter 4779 to become effective.

### **Ohio Licensee Receives National Honor**

**Jonathan Naft**, Licensed Prosthetist-Orthotist, was the recipient of the **Clinical Creativity Award** at the American Academy of O&P conference in February. The founder of Geauga Rehab Engineering in Cleveland, Mr. Naft integrates his skills as an electrical and biomedical engineer into his role as an inventor, developer and clinician in Prosthetics and Orthotics.

The award “is intended to recognize those individuals who demonstrate high levels of creativity in process or device development that improve orthotic and/or prosthetic patient care.”

Mr. Naft was cited for his contributions to the development of **the first myoelectric upper-limb orthosis**, called the MyoPro, and led the development on **the first electronic stance-control KAFO**.

He is active in ABC as an examiner, has held leadership positions at the state and national level, and is a volunteer Paralympic practitioner.

## **Survey Says: One-third of Ohio Prosthetists support Pedorthics in Scope of Practice**

We sent out an informal survey to Licensed Prosthetists (LP/LPO) posing the following:

*Current language at 4779.01 reads as follows at Division H:*

*"Prosthetics" means the evaluation, measurement, design, fabrication, assembly, fitting, adjusting, servicing, or training in the use of a prosthesis or pedorthic device, or the repair, replacement, adjustment, or service of a prosthesis or pedorthic device."*

*To the best of our understanding, Ohio is the only licensing jurisdiction that includes pedorthic practice within the scope of practice for prosthetics. The ABC Scope of Practice document does not seem to detail a Prosthetic scope of practice separate from its discussion of Orthotics and Prosthetics as a combined discipline, but in discussion with Scope of Practice experts at ABC and NCOPE, the fact that Ohio includes Pedorthics in Prosthetic Scope of Practice is generally viewed as an anomaly.*

*The ABC Practice Analysis does not reference Pedorthic devices in relation to Prosthetic practice, with the exception of the understanding that a partial foot prosthesis may often be incorporated into a shoe or other pedorthic device.*

**QUESTION: WOULD THE ELIMINATION OF PEDORTHICS FROM THE OHIO DEFINITION OF PROSTHETIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON YOUR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE?**

*PLEASE ANSWER YES OR NO, AND INCLUDE ANY COMMENT YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE.*

Out of the 30 (thirty) responses received from the pool of 185 potential respondents,

- TEN (10) answered "yes"
- TWENTY (20) answered "no"

There was no proposal or motion to recommend removal from the scope of practice statement.

## **New "e-License" System Slated to Roll Out December 2014**

### **Bye Bye to BOGO?**

- If it seems to you like we have been discussing a new e-License database system for more than a few fiscal quarters, you're not hearing echoes. A state-wide enterprise-wide system has been subjected to RFP Competitive Bid and procurement, with licensing agencies partnering closely with state of Ohio IT Services to assure a good fit and a system that will be compatible with widely-varying licensing requirements, whether for health-related professions or other license-required and consumer protection-oriented applications (Collision Repair, Manufactured Homes, Casino Control, Real Estate ... it's a long list.) Staff has been actively engaged to assure the system meets OPP Board licensees' needs at initiation.

- One anticipated downside to implementation: it appears the system is not setup to allow the Board to continue its Two-for-One license renewal policy. Such a tweak would require a significant customization “build” whose cost could not be apportioned among a number of agencies, because **OPP is the only agency that would require the fix**. Stay tuned for more information as the “Go Live” date gets closer.

### **OPPCE Reminder for All Licensees**

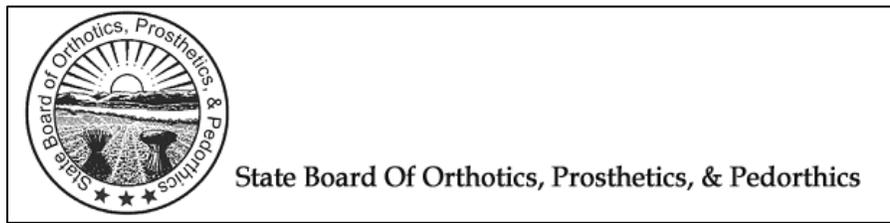
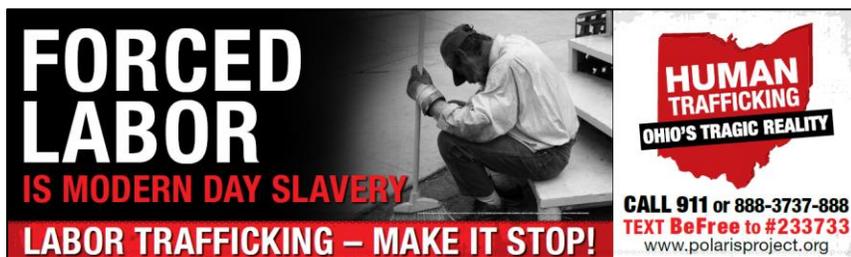
Continuing Education compliance reporting occurs in conjunction with annual license renewal, with each licensee required to affirm accrual of sufficient OPPCE to support license renewal in accordance with statutory dictates. See guidance on [OPPCE requirements](#) at the website “Licensees” tab or CE Quick Link. Since national credentialing bodies in O&P account for CE on a 5-year cycle, **the Ohio Board urges its licensees to think of their CE responsibility as an annual requirement, and to target the pro-rated equivalent for completion each and every year.** “Waiting three or four years between CE engagements is way outside the norm for publicly-licensed healthcare professionals,” said Mark Levy, Board Director. “Technical innovations and regulatory updates occur much more frequently.” The Board respectfully suggests its licensees adopt a pro-active plan for integrating Continuing Education into annual practice parameters.

### **Human Trafficking Awareness – Ohio Steps Up**

Persons interested in tapping into the resources of the campaign and engaging in professional education to recognize signs of victimization and learn how to effectively report suspected cases may wish to bookmark the page established by the Ohio Department of Public Safety at this link:

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht/index.html#>

For a two-sheet summary of Human Trafficking Educational and Training Opportunities, click to: <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ht/links/Human%20Trafficking%20Resources.pdf>



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