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New Jersey Physician, Podiatrist and Optometrist Profiles

The [The "New Jersey Health Care Consumer Information Act" \(P.L.2003, c.96\)](#) was signed into law on June 23, 2003, and became effective June 23, 2004. The statute required that profile information about New Jersey physicians and podiatrists be developed and maintained and that certain information be made available to the public electronically and by other means. Subsequently the law was amended to add optometrists to the profile on August 7, 2004 ([P.L.2004, c.115](#)).

The Division of Consumer Affairs, in consultation with the State Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Optometrists developed the respective professionals' profiles. They contain information obtained from a number of sources including, for physicians and podiatrists, the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association. The profiles provide information about practitioners' credentials and education and also about disciplinary actions, hospital restrictions (for physicians and podiatrists), and malpractice payments.

The profiles contain certain mandatory information. Licensees are required to verify the accuracy of the information and supply any missing information. In addition, physicians, podiatrists and optometrists are given the opportunity to provide optional information in their profiles, such as teaching faculty appointments or insurance plans accepted.

Below is a listing of the fields of information found in the profile surveys:

Required Information

- Medical school(s) or optometry school(s) attended and year degree received
- Graduate medical education, including all internships, residencies, and fellowships (Physicians/Podiatrists only)
- State Board of Optometrists Certifications
- Year first licensed
- Year first licensed in New Jersey
- Location of office practice site(s)

- Malpractice payments made in the last five years, including date, dollar amount and type (judgment, settlement, arbitration)
- New Jersey disciplinary actions taken against the practitioner within the last ten years
- Any current restrictions/limitations against the practitioner's New Jersey license
- Other state or licensing entity disciplinary actions within the last ten years
- In the case of physicians and podiatrists, hospital and health care facility privilege revocations or restrictions within the last ten years
- In the case of physicians and podiatrists, resignations or non-renewal of hospital or health care facility privileges (for reasons related to competency, misconduct or impairment) within the last ten years
- Convictions of crimes of the first through fourth degree within the last ten years

Optional Information

- Self-reported Specialty Board certifications (Physicians/Podiatrists only)
- Self-reported Specialty Board sub-certifications (Physicians/Podiatrists only)
- Office hours
- Languages other than English spoken by the physician/podiatrist or optometrist
- Languages other than English for which translation services are provided
- Accessibility of office(s) to persons with disabilities
- Whether Medicare assignment is accepted
- Participation in the Medicaid program
- Health insurance plans accepted
- Medical or optometry school appointments or teaching responsibilities within the last ten years
- Hospitals at which privileges are held

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