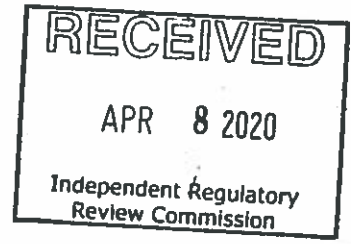


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"Regulation #16A-5334: Fees"

To the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) at irrc@irrc.state.pa.us. IRRC, Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, State Representative Lee James;

How incredibly insensitive and ridiculous the PA State Board of Osteopathic Medicine is proposing a massive increase in licensure fees at any point of time but especially during this time of the COVID-19 crisis.

Your Board's inability to manage their revenues and expenditures should not be the problem of the few physicians remaining in this State. The overhead of my business continues to increase every year while my income continues to decrease due to decreased reimbursements.

The Board's proposal, if enacted, application fees for osteopathic physicians would increase from \$45 currently to \$170. Effective July 1, 2022, the application fee would increase to \$185 and then to \$205 starting July 1, 2024.

For biennial license renewal fees for osteopathic physicians, the licensure fee would increase from \$220 currently to \$350 for the licensure renewal period commencing this year. Effective with the 2023-2024 licensure period, the licensure fee would increase to \$425 and increase to \$475 for the 2025-2026 licensure renewal period.

Seriously, besides giving me a card to practice in the state of Pennsylvania, what have you done for the physicians in this state? During this COVID-19 crisis as my providers, staff, and myself stand on the frontlines to help our state's residents I have yet to be contacted your organization, my representatives, or the PA Health Department to ask if there is anything my practice needs to assist in caring for rural PA citizens.

Typical of the government, always wanting more taxes, fees, regulation, fines, and so forth without offering anymore services! It is time to reconsider how "valuable" physicians are to Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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