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North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition

Deadlines

Renewal Open:

January 1 – March 31

Late Renewal:

April 1 – May 31

License Lapse:

June 1

All License Needs:

Licensee Gateway:

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Renewal Season Closed

Annual license renewal and the late period for renewal closed as of May 31, 2023. If a licensee has not renewed, gone inactive, or relinquished their license, it has Lapsed. Lapsed licensees will be required to reinstate their license if they wish to be licensed in NC again.

Currently, the NCBDN has 4,135 Active licensees. We have 54 licensees from our 2023 renewal season who are lapsed and who have not informed the Board of their status. As it does annually, the Board attempted to contact these individuals by postal mail and email to ensure that they were aware of their lapsed licensed status.

If you are aware of someone who allowed their license to lapse, we ask that you advise them that they should take action to relinquish their license. To relinquish a license and remain in good standing, individuals should log into the licensee gateway system, click on their lapsed license, and request Relinquished status under the area called "Options." If an individual is Lapsed but has retired, following these instructions to relinquish one's license is also the appropriate choice. Persons not able to use the online system to relinquish their license may write the Board via email (info@ncbdn.org) or USPS to inform the NCBDN that they wish to update to Relinquished status.

Staff Transitions

After twelve years with the Board, the NCBDN accepted Executive Director **Charla Burill's** resignation in late January. Ms. Burill is moving on to a new position with the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. She worked tirelessly over the last twelve years to not only modernize office operations for the Board, implement policies to serve our applicants and staff, but championed the modernization of the Dietetics Practice Act passage in 2018 and its corresponding regulations over the last five years. The Board wishes Charla success in her future endeavors and wishes to thank her for her dedication to the profession of nutrition and the state of North Carolina.

The Board has appointed **Marnie Jones** as their new **Executive Director**. Ms. Jones has worked alongside Ms. Burill for twelve years wearing several administrative hats, most recently serving as Board Administrator. Marnie brings continuity to Board operations and informed insight into the matters facing the Board past, present, and future.



While her degree is in Communications, and her early professional life was spent in advertising and project management, juggling the administration and business of the Board is not unlike juggling multiple teams, campaigns, and vendors! During her tenure at the Board, Marnie has gained an appreciation and understanding of the law that will support the Board for years to come. For fun, she loves doing yardwork (yes, really!), spending time with her husband and children, and getting lots of cuddles from her 4-yr old labradoodle, Griffin.

The Board has welcomed **Violet Noe** as their new **Licensing Specialist**, providing additional support for licensees and applicants. She studied public health nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for both her bachelor's and master's degrees (go heels!) and most recently obtained her RDN credential. Violet is especially interested in policy as it relates to dietetics/nutrition and public health and has previously assisted research projects evaluating the impact of policies to promote healthy eating. She is looking forward to becoming an expert in the laws and rules governing the practice of dietetics/nutrition in North Carolina. In her free time, you can probably find her reading, cycling, or trying new Trader Joe's products.

Board Transitions

Margaret King, MS, CNS, LN was appointed to the Board as a Licensed Nutritionist member, effective March 30, 2023. Maggie completed her Master's degree in Nutrition & Integrative Health along with her clinical rotations at Maryland University of Integrative Health. She focuses her private practice on diabetes, weight loss / maintenance, family nutrition, hormonal balance, and gut health. Her love for food extends beyond the counseling room and into the kitchen! She also has experience in teaching cooking classes to various populations and demographics.

Outside of her love for nutrition, Maggie enjoys all things outside: hiking, paddle boarding, running, biking, etc., teaching fitness classes and spending all of her free time with her daughter, son and husband (preferably on the beach).

Dr. Ananya Sen served on the Board for five years, first joining the Board in 2018 as its first ever physician member appointed under NCGS § 90-353(a1). Dr. Sen also served as Vice Chair and Chair during her time with the Board. Her insight and experience in the medical field has been extremely valuable to the Board as it navigated implementation of a new statute and regulations. Dr. Sen's vacancy has been filled by newly appointed physician member **Dr. Deanna Didiano**.

Deanna Didiano, DO has filled the physician seat on the Board as of July 1, 2023. Dr. Didiano grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she earned a B.S. in Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. She went on to medical school graduating in 2012 from The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, VA.

Dr. Didiano completed her family medicine residency at Atrium Health Cabarrus Family Medicine in Concord, NC. During residency she started her active involvement with the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians serving as Resident-Director and continues her involvement today. Following Residency she completed a primary care sports medicine fellowship at Cone Health Sports Medicine in Greensboro, NC.

Dr. Didiano currently practices Primary Care Sports Medicine for Atrium Health in

Lincoln County, a rural community outside of Charlotte, NC. She is the former Medical Director of Atrium Health Primary Care Denver Family Medicine. She serves as sports medicine team physician for Lincoln County high schools and recently expanded

her community involvement as team physician for Queens University in Charlotte, NC. In addition to her practice as a physician, Dr. Didiano likes to spend her free time as a certificated yoga instructor, avid gardener and home cook.

New System for Medicaid Providers

NCDHHS will be replacing their current provider enrollment, credentialing, and data management system with an upscale centralized Provider Data Management/Credentialing Verification Organization (PDM/CVO) modular solution. PDM/CVO is a timesaving, cost-effective, and scalable solution.

All NC Medicaid providers will be impacted. As such, the NC Medicaid Provider Operations Stakeholder Engagement team is engaging providers and stakeholders about their “Journey to Modernization” before, during, and after the project’s transition.

NCDHHS has developed a presentation that offers a high-level overview describing the key features of PDM/CVO and the reason this change is necessary. For more information, please visit the PDM/CVO webpage: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/provider-data-management-credentialing-verification-organization>

The above information is provided as a courtesy to NCDHHS as they attempt to reach all Medicaid providers who may be affected. ALL related questions or concerns should be directed to either Serja Goram at: serja.goram@dhhs.nc.gov or Michael Herrera, NC Medicaid Provider Relations Supervisor, at 919-219-3445.

Updating Contact info with the Board

Per 21 NCAC 17 .0109(b) “A licensee shall notify the Board of any change in the licensee's personal or professional mailing address within 30 days of that change.” The Board often encounters issues with non-current mailing addresses or email addresses. Please be aware it is your duty to keep your information up to date within 30 days of a change. All licensees have access to do this “self-serve” in their licensee Gateway account. After logging in, click on “My Profile” and “Edit Profile.”

We strongly encourage licensees to use a personal email address as a point of contact, and not a work email. Your license to practice is not tied to a workplace but is your personal license no matter where you provide licensed services. In addition, please ensure info@listserv.ncbndn.org, info@ncbndn.org and gateway@ncbndn.org are on your safe senders list and are not going to spam. We see this happening a lot with Gmail addresses despite our efforts to whitelist with Google.