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Notice to Consumers Requirement Takes Effect in June

Like other professions in California, effective June 27, 2010, physicians practicing in California must give notice to their patients that they are licensed by the Medical Board of California. The notice must also include how patients may contact the board for information or to file a complaint.

No specialty is exempt from this regulation.

The requirement need only contain the following information in **48-point, Arial font type.**

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

**Medical doctors are licensed and regulated by the Medical Board of California
(800) 633-2322
www.mbc.ca.gov**

Physicians may provide this notice by one of three methods:

- Prominently post a sign in the office so it is conspicuous to patients, in the specified type.
- Include the notice in a written statement and have the patient sign and date it. The statement should be kept in the patient's medical record.
- Include the notice on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or patient representative, where the notice is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in the specified type.

The three options are designed to serve a multitude of practice settings, including emergency departments, skilled nursing facilities, and surgical settings.

An 8 ½ X 11 sign, suitable for posting, is available at the [link](#). Frequently asked questions may be found [here](#).

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