

December 22, 2023

Dear Stakeholders,

The Board of Medicine would like to inform all stakeholders that the current Chinese Herbology Licensing “Grandfather Clause” is set to expire on December 31, 2023. Any individual applying for a Chinese Herbology license after December 31, 2023, must satisfy the requirements of 17 DCMR 4707.2 and may not use 17 DCMR 4702.3 to qualify.

Those individuals currently holding a Chinese Herbology license may renew even if they qualified for it pursuant to 17 DCMR 4707.3. A person who allows their Chinese Herbology license to lapse may only reinstate their license or submit a new application for Chinese Herbology if they qualify under 17 DCMR 4707.2.

All practitioners of Chinese Herbology are reminded of the continuing education requirements listed in 17 DCMR 4707.4.

Acupuncturists who continue to practice Chinese Herbology without an active or temporary license will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine and potential prosecution for unlicensed practice.

We appreciate your continued commitment to upholding the highest standards of healthcare in the District. We are here to assist you and ensure a smooth transition. Please do not hesitate to contact the Board with any questions or concerns via email at dcbomed@dc.gov or phone at (202) 724-4900.

Sincerely,



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