

**Business and Professions Code section 138**

Every board in the department, as defined in Section 22, shall initiate the process of adopting regulations on or before June 30, 1999, to require its licentiates, as defined in Section 23.8, to provide notice to their clients or customers that the practitioner is licensed by this state. A board shall be exempt from the requirement to adopt regulations pursuant to this section if the board has in place, in statute or regulation, a requirement that provides for consumer notice of a practitioner's status as a licensee of this state.

**California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13, Chapter 2, Article 1, section 1355.4 – Notice to Consumers**

(a) A licensee engaged in the practice of medicine shall provide notice to each patient of the fact that the licensee is licensed and regulated by the board. The notice shall include the following statement and information:

NOTICE

Medical doctors are licensed and regulated  
by the Medical Board of California  
(800) 633-2322  
[www.mbc.ca.gov](http://www.mbc.ca.gov)

(b) The notice required by this section shall be provided by one of the following methods:

(1) Prominently posting the notice in an area visible to patients on the premises where the licensee provides the licensed services, in which case the notice shall be in at least 48-point type in Arial font.

(2) Including the notice in a written statement, signed and dated by the patient or the patient's representative and retained in that patient's medical records, stating the patient understands the physician is licensed and regulated by the board.

(3) Including the notice in a statement on letterhead, discharge instructions, or other document given to a patient or the patient's representative, where the notice is placed immediately above the signature line for the patient in at least 14-point type.

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