

Important Notice: New Pain Management Clinic Registration Requirements

All privately owned pain-management clinics, facilities, or offices, hereinafter referred to as "clinics," which advertise in any medium for any type of pain management services, or employ a physician who is primarily engaged in the treatment of pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications, must register with the Department of Health by **January 4, 2010**.

Please note: A physician is primarily engaged in the treatment of pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications when the majority of the patients seen are prescribed or dispensed controlled substance medications for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain. Chronic nonmalignant pain is pain unrelated to cancer which persists beyond the usual course of the disease or the injury that is the cause of the pain or more than 90 days after surgery.

A medical doctor (MD) or osteopathic physician (DO) is subject to discipline if they practice in a pain management clinic that is required to register with the Department of Health and has not done so.

The following facilities are **exempt** from these registration requirements:

- Licensed as a facility pursuant to Chapter 395, Florida Statutes.
- If the majority of the physicians who provide services in the clinic/facility/office primarily provide surgical services.

To see the types of facilities licensed under Chapters 395, Florida Statutes, go to <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm>.

To view the list of the applications received and the status of those applications, go to [ftp://ftppub.doh.state.fl.us/pub/medicine/Pain Management Clinic Application Status/](ftp://ftppub.doh.state.fl.us/pub/medicine/Pain_Management_Clinic_Application_Status/). Note that an "Approved" status indicates that a license has been issued. This list will be updated daily.

You can go to the Board of Medicine's web site for additional information. The web site can be found at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me_pain.html.