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Ohio Board of Pharmacy Recognized as a Leader in Supporting Healthcare Worker Wellbeing

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy has been verified by ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare, ensuring there are no invasive mental health questions on licensing applications

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Board of Pharmacy announced today it has been recognized as a Wellbeing First Champion for 2025 by ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare. As a Wellbeing First Champion, the Board of Pharmacy underwent a process to verify that its licensure and renewal applications for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians are free from intrusive and stigmatizing language around mental health care and treatment. This means that these health workers can seek needed care without fear of losing their license.

“Under the leadership of Governor DeWine and his RecoveryOhio Initiative, the Board is proud to be one of the five pharmacy boards in the country to earn this important verification,” said Ohio Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Steven W. Schierholt. “This initiative represents the Board’s commitment to ensuring our licensees can seek mental health and other treatment they need to practice safely.”

ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare is a coalition of leading health care organizations that work to eliminate barriers for health workers to access mental health care. Each year, ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare confirms that any invasive or stigmatizing language around mental health is not included in licensure applications.

“Across the country, health workers are at an increased risk for burnout and mental health conditions,” said Corey Feist, co-founder of ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare and CEO of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes’ Foundation. “Many health workers feel they cannot speak up about their mental health without being criticized by colleagues or losing their jobs. Today, physicians and nurses die by suicide at two times the rate of the general population. We as a nation must better protect these lives, and I applaud our Wellbeing First Champions for their leadership to support the wellbeing of health workers.”

For more information about the Wellbeing First Champion Challenge program, visit:

<https://drlornabreen.org/removebarriers/>

For more information about the available substance abuse and mental health resources for healthcare professionals, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Recovery