



Cleared to Care

Don't Delay, Get Screened Today!

Gain initial licensure and avoid interruption in providing care during licensure renewal cycles.

About Background Screenings

Effective July 1, 2025, all* health care practitioners must comply with new background screening requirements when applying for initial licensure or renewing their licenses. Staying compliant with the new law is mandatory to maintain licensure.

How It Works

If applying for initial licensure, complete a background screening as part of your license application. If renewing your license, be prepared to complete the screening requirements before your license expires. Waiting too long will result in licensing delays or expiration.

- 1 Understand Your Timeline
- 2 Schedule Your Screening
- 3 Submit Required Documentation

For FAQs and guidance on checking the status of your screening with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, visit <https://FLHealthSource.gov/Background-Screening/>.

**Emergency medical technicians, paramedics, pharmacy interns, registered pharmacy technicians, and radiologic technicians are exempt unless applying through the military active-duty spouse licensure pathway. Fingerprint retention requirements do not apply to these professions.*

ABOUT US: The Florida Department of Health's Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) regulates health care practitioners and facilities through professional licensure, facility permitting, and administrative enforcement, to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

CONTACT US: MQA's Virtual Agent, ELI, is the best way to learn about licensing requirements, screening processes, payments, initial licensure status, and more, at your convenience. Chat with ELI today at FLHealthSource.gov or any board website.

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