

## **R**EDUCTION OF RENEWAL FEES

The Board of Medicine has voted again to reduce the renewal fees for all professions by 20% for the biennium 2020-2021.

## **R**EMINDER ABOUT MEDICAID EXPANSION

Check out information at this link.

<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/medexproviders>

## **R**EMEMBER THE NEW LAW ABOUT DEATH CERTIFICATES

All MD's, DO's, PA's and NP's that practice as a hospitalist or practice emergency medicine in a hospital or serve as a medical director of a nursing home must register with the Virginia Department of Health Electronic Death Registration System and file death certificates through the System. This became effective July 1, 2019. Family medicine and internal medicine practitioners must register and begin using the System by October 1, 2019. Oncologists and general surgeons must register and begin using the System by November 1, 2019. Any other specialty that completes death certificates must register and begin using the System by December 1, 2019.

Note that the following item was added to the Board of Medicine's section on unprofessional conduct:

23. Failing or refusing to complete and file electronically using the Electronic Death Registration System any medical certification in accordance with the requirements of subsection C of § 32.1-263. However, failure to complete and file a medical certification electronically using the Electronic Death Registration System in accordance with the requirements of subsection C of § 32.1-263 shall not constitute unprofessional conduct if such failure was the result of a temporary technological or electrical failure or other temporary extenuating circumstance that prevented the electronic completion and filing of the medical certification using the Electronic Death Registration System.