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# Administrative Code Citation

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.21

# Text

# Continuing Education

Proposed: January 7, 2019, at 51 N.J.R. 28(a).

Adopted: July 10, 2019, by the Board of Medical Examiners, Scott E. Metzger, M.D., President.

Filed: September 10, 2019, as R.2019 d.107, without change.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.38 and P.L. 2017, c. 341.

Effective Date: October 7, 2019.

Expiration Date: April 3, 2025.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended March 8, 2019. The Board received one comment from Christina M. Emrich, MS, LAT, ATC, President, Athletic Trainers Society of New Jersey.

COMMENT: The commenter supports the proposed amendment that requires licensed athletic trainers to complete one credit of continuing

education in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs every biennial renewal period.

RESPONSE: The Board thanks the commenter for her support.

#### Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments.

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 10. ATHLETIC TRAINERS

13:35-10.21 Continuing education

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) Each applicant for biennial license renewal shall be required to complete, during the preceding biennial period, 24 credits of continuing education related to the practice of athletic training, except as provided in (c) below. These 24 credits shall include at least:
- 1. Two credits in topics related to concussions and head injuries; and
- 2. Commencing with the biennial renewal period beginning on February 1, 2019, one credit in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.
- (c) A licensed athletic trainer who is licensed in the second year of a biennial renewal period shall be required to complete 12 credits of continuing education, of which at least one credit shall be in topics related to concussions and head injuries and one credit in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

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