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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Administrative Code Citation

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.8 and 6.15

Text

Credit-Hour Requirements; Continuing Medical Education

Proposed: September 4, 2018, at 50 N.J.R. 1931(a).

Adopted: December 12, 2018, by the State Board of Medical Examiners, J.
Paul Carniol, M.D., F.A.C.S., President.

Filed: May 1, 2019, as R.2019 d.054, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:9-2.

Effective Date: June 3, 2019.

Expiration Date: April 3, 2025.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended November 3, 2018. The Board of
Medical Examiners (Board) received one comment from Melinda R.
Martinson, Esq., General Counsel, Medical Society of New Jersey.

COMMENT: The commenter supports the breadth of topics that may satisfy
the continuing medical education requirements in the amendments. The

commenter believes that this will recognize learning opportunities for all physicians and allow existing programs to satisfy the prescription opioid drug continuing education requirement.

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.

Regulations

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 2B. LIMITED LICENSES: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

13:35-2B.8 Credit-hour requirements

- (a)** (No change.)
- (b)** Commencing with the biennial renewal period beginning on September 1, 2017, one of the 50 continuing education credits required under (a) above shall, pursuant to P.L. 2017, c. 28, be in programs or topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including responsible prescribing practices, alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.
- (c)** (No change in text.)

SUBCHAPTER 6. GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE

13:35-6.15 Continuing medical education

- (a)** (No change.)
- (b)** Except as provided in (d) below, a licensee applying for a biennial license renewal shall complete 100 continuing medical education credits in Category I or Category II courses, of which at least 40 of such credits shall be in Category I.
- (c)** Commencing with the biennial renewal period beginning on July 1, 2013, two of the 40 credits in Category I courses shall, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 145 (N.J.S.A. 45:9-7.7), be in programs or topics related to end-of-life care. Commencing with the biennial renewal period beginning on July 1, 2017, one of the 40 credits in Category I courses shall, pursuant to P.L. 2017, c. 28, be in programs or topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including responsible prescribing practices, alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

Recodify existing (c) - (k) as (d) - (l) (No change in text.)

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