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N.J.A.C. 13:39-3A.2

**Adopted Amendment:**

**Text**

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**Criteria for Continuing Education Credit**

Proposed: June 17, 2019, at 51 N.J.R. 925(a).

Adopted: October 23, 2019, by the State Board of  
Pharmacy, Linda Witzal, R.Ph., President.

Filed: February 3, 2020, as R.2020 d.028,  
without change.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:1-15.1 and 45:14-47 and 48.

Effective Date: March 2, 2020.

Expiration Date: November 3, 2024.

**Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:**

The official comment period ended August 16, 2019. The Board of Pharmacy (Board) received comments from Elise M. Barry, MS, CFRE, Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the New Jersey Pharmacists Association.

COMMENT: One commenter requested that the Board consider allowing a limited number of credits (that is, three to five credits) to be approved and applied toward license renewal after attending applicable continuing education presentations when appropriate documentation is provided to the Board for review. The commenter stated that pharmacists in New Jersey attend various medical conferences that present opportunities to participate in educational programs about disease states, practice advancement, and other topics pertinent to their continuing education requirements as part of their employment. The commenter believes that pharmacists should have the option to apply education from non-pharmacy conferences and seminars.

RESPONSE: To ensure that, before participating in a continuing education program, pharmacists have clear guidance as to whether credit will be accepted by the Board for satisfying the biennial continuing education requirements and that the continuing education that pharmacists take satisfy the Board's subject matter and instructor/leader requirements, the Board declines to change N.J.A.C. 13:39-3A.2 as the commenter suggested.

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted amendment is governed by N.J.S.A. 45:14-40 et seq., and there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendment.

**Full text** of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 3A. CONTINUING EDUCATION

13:39-3A.2 Criteria for continuing education credit

(a) (No change.)

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