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#### Administrative Code Citation

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**Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:42-10.20**

#### Text

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##### Continuing Education

Proposed: June 17, 2019, at 51 N.J.R. 930(a).

Adopted: October 7, 2019, by the State Board of Psychological Examiners, Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Chair.

Filed: August 23, 2020, as R.2020 d.087, **without change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:14B-13 and P.L. 2017, c. 341.

Effective Date: September 21, 2020.

Expiration Date: May 18, 2023.

##### Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended August 16, 2019. The Board of Psychological Examiners (Board) received comments from the following individuals:

1. Morgan Murray, PhD, NJPA President
2. Keira Boerzel-Smith, NJPA Executive Director

1. COMMENT: The commenters understand that the one credit of continuing education in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion, must be completed every biennial license renewal period and cannot be carried over to succeeding renewal periods.

RESPONSE: The commenters are correct that the one credit of continuing education in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs must be completed every biennial renewal period and cannot be carried over.

2. COMMENT: The commenters understand that any continuing education program from an approved presenter that includes the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion will satisfy Board requirements.

RESPONSE: The commenters are correct that any continuing education program from an approved presenter will satisfy the requirements if it addresses the risks and signs of opioid abuse.

3. COMMENT: The commenters point out that there is no requirement that the one credit in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs be through courses or programs in which there is an opportunity for live interaction with an instructor. The commenters ask if licensees may choose to complete the required continuing education credit as part of the 10 credits completed through such courses or programs.

RESPONSE: The required continuing education credit in prescription opioid drugs may be completed in courses that have the opportunity for live interaction with an instructor, or through online courses.

#### **Federal Standards Statement**

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

**Full text** of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 10. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF A LICENSEE

13:42-10.20 Continuing education

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each applicant for biennial license renewal shall be required to complete during the preceding biennial period 40 credits of continuing education related to the practice of psychology, except as provided in

(c) below. These 40 credits shall include at least four credits in topics related to domestic violence and, commencing with the biennial renewal period beginning on July 1, 2019, one credit in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

(c)-(d) (No change.)

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