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NEW CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT IN THE CURRENT BIENNIUM

Medical Examining Board Issues Emergency Rule Regarding Opioid Prescribing Continuing Medical Education

On November 10, 2016, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board's (MEB) emergency rule relating to continuing medical education (CME) on its opioid prescribing guideline became effective. The rule requires two CME credits per biennium for at minimum the next two times you will renew your license. The courses will relate to the guideline, which was issued by the MEB in July 2016. The requirement is one component of a comprehensive statewide strategy to address prescription drug abuse in the best interest of public health and safety.

This emergency rule does not require additional hours of CME. The new two credit requirement is part of the 30 credit total, not an addition to the total. The purpose of the rule is to require that a portion of the CME requirement relates specifically to the opioid prescribing guideline.

This rule is in effect for the current CME Biennium and another two credits of CME on the guideline will be required in the next CME biennium.

This rule does NOT apply to a physician who, at the time of making application for a certificate of registration, does not hold a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration number to prescribe controlled substances.

Failure to comply with the requirement may result in discipline.

What do I need to do as a Physician to fulfill this requirement?

1. Visit the Continuing Education page for physicians on the Department of Safety and Professional Services website.
2. A link to the approved courses will be provided; choose which course you would like to participate in and contact the provider to enroll.
3. Upon completion, the provider will grant a certificate of completion. Be sure to keep this certificate in the event you are audited.

What is the process to provide an approved course?

1. Fill out the form provided on the Department of Safety and Professional Services website and return all required information to Peter Schramm at DSPS.
2. DSPS will then send your program application to the Medical Examining Board who will approve, deny, or request more information (to avoid delay of your course approval, please make sure that all required information listed on the form is submitted initially).
3. Once your program has been approved, you will receive an approval letter from the Medical Examining Board, granting you the ability to begin providing the course.

If you have questions, please call the Department of Safety and Professional Services at 608-266-2112.