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Continuing Medical Education for Medical Doctors

In order to renew a license, medical doctors will be required to complete 100 credit hours of continuing medical education (CME) in the preceding biennial period, which runs from January 1 of the odd year through December 31 of the next even year.

- Twenty of the credit hours must be in American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 activities.
- At least 12 hours must be in activities related to patient safety or risk management and may be completed in either Category 1 or 2.
- The remaining credit hours shall be completed in either Category 1 or Category 2 activities.

Category 1 activities are those that have been approved by an accredited provider. Your CME certificate will also state that the activity has been approved for Category 1 credit and name the institution or organization that is awarding the credit. If you have participated in Category 1 activities, the provider should provide you with a certificate of completion.

Acceptable certificates/documentation must include:

- Name of the licensee,
- Name of the course,
- Date of the course,
- Number of credit hours earned,
- Provider of the course, and
- Category type.

Category 2 credit is self designated and claimed by individual physicians for participation in education activities not designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit that:

- comply with the AMA definition of CME; and
- a physician finds to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice.

Examples of learning activities that meet the requirements for AMA PRA Category 2 Credit include but

are not limited to:

- Participation in educational activities that have not been designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit;
- Teaching physicians, residents, medical students or other health professionals;
- Unstructured online searching and learning;
- Reading authoritative medical literature;
- Consultation with peers and medical experts;
- Small group discussions;
- Self-assessment activities;
- Medical writing;
- Preceptorship participation; and
- Research.

Category 2 Credit Documentation must include:

- Activity title,
- Subject or content area,
- Date(s) of participation, and
- Number of credits claimed.

A Category 2 Continuing Medical Education Reporting Form can be found on our website at:

www.dos.state.pa.us/med.

Approved activities in the area of patient safety and risk management may include the following topics:

- Improving medical records and record keeping;
- Reducing medical errors;
- Professional conduct and ethics;
- Improving communications;
- Preventative medicine; and
- Healthcare quality improvements.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE NOR RECOMMEND ANY CME COURSES. IT IS THE LICENSEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN/TRACK THEIR PERSONAL CME CREDIT HOURS.

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