CME REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL PHYSICIAN VOLUNTEER LICENSE

- Effective January 1, 2015, Per Act 31 of 2014, two (2) hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements must be completed for renewal or reactivation of a license. Details and a list of Board-approved providers can be found at www.dos.pa.gov. Verification of completion must be sent electronically and directly from the course provider. It may take up to 7 days for the provider to submit the records to the Board’s office.

- Effective January 1, 2017, Section 9.1(a)(2) of ABC-MAP* requires that all prescribers or dispensers, as defined in Section 3 of ABC-MAP, complete at least two hours of continuing education in pain management, the identification of addiction or in the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids as a portion of the total continuing education required.
  - The required continuing education is part of the total required and must be taken from a Board-approved continuing education provider.
  - *The Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program Act (ABC-MAP) (Act 191 of 2014, as amended) is available on the Legislature’s website at: http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=191

Volunteer physicians who hold BOTH an active unrestricted MD license and an active volunteer license must complete 100 credit hours of continuing medical education as outlined in the CME Requirements for (MD) Unrestricted License found on our website at www.dos.pa.gov/med.

Volunteer physicians who hold ONLY an active volunteer license (and the unrestricted license is in inactive/expired/active-retired status) are required to complete 20 hours of continuing medical education in the preceding biennial renewal period, which runs from January 1 of the odd year through December 31 of the next even year. The 20 hours of CME can be completed in either Category 1 or Category 2.

NOTE: Volunteer hours worked at a clinic/facility are NOT acceptable for CME credit.

For additional information regarding continuing education course providers, the following websites may be helpful:

Pennsylvania Medical Society  www.pamedsoc.org
American Medical Association  www.ama-assn.org/go/cme
Department of Insurance  www.mcare.state.pa.us

Additional information about continuing education and a copy of the Board’s law and regulations can be found on our website at www.dos.pa.gov/med.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE CME COURSES.

IT IS THE LICENSEE’S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN/TRACK THEIR PERSONAL CME CREDIT HOURS.

LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN PROOF OF COMPLETION OF CME FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CME OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FOR WHICH THE CME WAS REQUIRED, WHICHERVER IS LATER.