

OPIOID EDUCATION REQUIRED TO RENEW CRNP PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY APPROVALS

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. Certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs) who hold prescriptive authority approval fall within ABC-MAP's definition of prescribers or dispensers and must complete this education in order to renew their prescriptive authority approvals that expire in October 2017.

The ABC-MAP required continuing education is included in the total amount of continuing education required and must be taken from a Board-approved CRNP continuing education provider listed in Section 21.334 (a) of the Board's regulations. Completion of the ABC-MAP required continuing education will be separately attested to on the renewal.

Note: This two-hour requirement needs to be completed only once per renewal period regardless of the number of prescriptive authority approvals being renewed.

*The Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program Act (ABC-MAP)(also known as Act 124 of 2016), 35 P.S. § 872.3, is available on the Legislature's website at :

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2016&sessInd=0&act=124>

Section 21.334 (a) of the Board's Regulations is available on the Board's website at:

www.dos.pa.gov/nurse.