STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

CME REQUIREMENTS FOR
OSTEOPATHIC 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/LS/Home/ConsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&SessionInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=191*

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

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 November 1 of an even year through October 31 of the next even year. The 20 hours of CME can be completed in AOA Category 1-A, 1-B, or Category 2 or AMA Category 1 or 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 Osteopathic Medical Association [www.poma.org](http://www.poma.org)
- American Osteopathic Association [www.aoa-net.org](http://www.aoa-net.org)
- Pennsylvania Medical Society [www.pamedsoc.org](http://www.pamedsoc.org)

Additional information regarding continuing education and a copy of the Board’s rules and regulations may be found on our website at [www.dos.pa.gov/ost](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ost).

**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, WHICHEVER IS LATER.**