

Continuing Education Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Board of Podiatry would like to remind its licensees and sponsors of continuing education (CE) conferences of its requirements in Section 29.64 of the Board regulations (that are available on the Board's website at www.dos.pa.gov/pod). This regulation provides that course applications for the approval of CE conferences **must** be submitted to the Board at least 60 days in advance of the scheduled date of the conference. The Board, in turn, will notify a CE conference applicant of its approval or disapproval of the conference, as provided by Section 29.67 of the Board regulations.

As required by Section 29.61 of the Board regulations, a licensee must have completed 50 clock hours of CE during the two-year biennial period (which ends December 31 of each even-numbered year). At least 30 of these 50 hours must have been approved by the Board or by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME). The remaining 20 hours must be either in courses and programs in podiatry that are approved by the Board or by the CPME or in courses and programs in medical subjects that are approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association.

Therefore, **licensed podiatrists** should check with the provider of educational conferences to make sure that the provider has obtained Board or CPME approval **prior to signing up for a CE course or conference**, unless that course or program was approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association. A list of current Board-approved continuing education programs can be found on the Board's website at www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Podiatry/Pages/Continuing-Education-Info.aspx.

Likewise, the Board reminds program sponsors of these regulatory requirements so that the provider may obtain Board approval in timely fashion. If an application for an education conference is not received at least 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the proposed educational conference, the application will not be reviewed by the Board, and the program approval will be denied.