



## Continuing Medical Education

### *Board-by-Board Overview*

	CME Required	Number of Hours and Category/Content Requirement	Statute/Rule/Regulation
AL	YES	25 hours per year; all must be AMA PRA Category 1.	Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-x-14.02
AK	YES*	<p>50 hours every 2 years; all must be AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1 or 2.</p> <p>Physician may not be exempted from more than 15 hours of continuing education in a five-year period.</p> <p>For each licensee who holds a DEA number, at least 2 hours must be in pain management and opioid use and addiction.</p>	<p>Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 40.200.</p> <p>Alaska Statutes § 8-64-312.</p> <p>Alaska Statutes § 8-36-070(a)</p>
AZ-M	YES	40 hours every 2 years.	Ariz. Admin. Code R4-16-102
AZ-O	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 12 must be AOA Category 1-A and no more than eight hours are obtained annually by completing a CME classified by the ACCME as Category 1.	Ariz. Admin. Code R4-22-207.
AR	YES*	20 hours per year. Fifty percent of said hours shall be in subjects pertaining to physician's primary area of (current) practice and designated as Category I.	Code Ark. R. 060.00.001 Reg. No. 17.
CA-M	YES*	<p>50 Hours of approved CME during each biennial renewal cycle (every two years). If an initial license was issued for less than 13 months, only 25 hours must be completed. All must be Category 1 approved.</p> <p>All physicians (except pathologists and radiologists) are required to take, as a one-time requirement, 12 units on pain-management and the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill. Physicians must complete this requirement by their second license renewal date or within four years, whichever comes first.</p> <p>General internists and family physicians which have over 25% of the patient population at least 65 years of age are required to complete at least 20 percent of their mandatory CME in geriatric medicine.</p>	<p>Cal. Code Reg. tit. 16, §1336.</p> <p>Cal. Bus. &amp; Prof. Code § Sec. 2190.5.</p> <p>Cal. Bus. &amp; Prof. Code § Sec. 2190.3.</p>
CA-O	YES*	<p>150 hours within a 3 year period; minimum of 60 hours must be AOA Category 1-A or 1-B.</p> <p>All physicians (except pathologists and radiologists) are required to take, as a one-time requirement, 12 units on pain-management and the appropriate care and treatment of the terminally ill. Physicians must complete this requirement by their second license renewal date or within four years, whichever comes first.</p>	<p>16 Cal. Admin. Code § 1635.</p> <p>Cal. Bus. &amp; Prof. Code § Sec. 2190.5.</p>

		General internists and family physicians which has over 25% of the patient population at least 65 years of age are required to complete at least 20 percent of their mandatory CME in the field of geriatric medicine.	Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § Sec. 2190.3.
CO	NO	--	--
CT	YES*	<p>50 contact hours within the preceding twenty-four month period in an area of the physician's practice.</p> <p>In the first renewal period for which CME is required (the second license renewal), and once every six years after that, a physician must take at least one contact hour of training or education in <u>each</u> of the following topics: infectious diseases, risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence, and behavior health. 1 hour cultural competency also required.</p> <p>The commissioner may grant a waiver for not more than 10 contact hours of CME for physicians who 1) engage in activities related to the physician's service as a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board; 2) engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of a medical hearing panel; or 3) assists the departments with its duties to boards and commissions as described in section 19a-14.</p>	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-10(b).
DE	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.	24 Del. Admin. Code 1700-22.0.
DC	YES*	<p>50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.</p> <p>Physicians, physician assistants and nurses must complete 3 credits of instruction on HIV and AIDS.</p>	<p>D.C. Mun. Regs. tit.17, § 4615.</p> <p>D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10.</p>
FL-M	YES*	<p>First time license renewal: 40 hours; 1 hour of HIV/AIDS, 2 hours prevention of medical errors.</p> <p>Second and subsequent renewals require 40 hours including 2 hours in prevention of medical errors.</p> <p>Every third renewal requires 40 hours, including two hours in prevention of medical errors and two hours in domestic violence.</p> <p>CME requirements for physicians prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications in registered pain-management clinics.</p>	<p>Fla. Admin. Code. Ann. r. 64B8-13.005; 64B8-45.001, 64B8-45.006, 64B8-9.0131.</p> <p>Fla. Admin. Code. Ann. r. 64B8-9.0131.</p>
FL-O	YES*	First time renewal: 40 hours; Five hours to include one hour in each of the following topics: 1) Risk Management, Florida Laws and Rules, laws regarding the use and abuses of controlled substances; Two hours in Prevention of Medical Errors. Beginning in the 2010-2012 licensure biennium, five of the CME hours must include one hour in each of the following topics: 1) professional and medical ethics education, Florida laws and rules, federal and state laws related to the prescribing of controlled substances; Two hours required in the Prevention of Medical Errors.	Fla. Admin. Code. Ann. r. 64B15-13.001.

		<p>Every third biennial renewal, licensee shall complete a two hour domestic violence court.</p> <p>Licensee must complete a one hour HIV/AIDS course no later than upon the first biennial renewal of licensure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty (20) hours of general, AOA Category 1-A CE related to the practice of osteopathic medicine or under osteopathic auspices.</li> <li>• Two (2) hours of Domestic Violence as part of every third biennium renewal (or every six years)</li> <li>• Thirteen (13) or fifteen (15) hours of general, AOA or AMA approved CE; thirteen (13) if you are due t take the two (2) hours of Domestic Violence CE and fifteen (15) if you are not.</li> </ul>	
GA	YES	<p>40 hours every 2 years; 25% must be Category 1.</p> <p>The Board may accept certification or recertification by a member of ABMS, the AOA or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in lieu of compliance with CME requirements during the cycle in which the certification or recertification is granted.</p>	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 360-15-.01.
GU	YES	100 hours every 2 years; 25% must be Category 1.	25 GAR Prof. & Voc. Regs § 11101(g)(9)
HI	YES	40 Category 1 CME hours and 60 Category 2 CME hours; or, 100 Category 1 CME hours.	Haw. Admin. R. §16-85-33.
ID	YES	<p>40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.</p> <p>The Board may accept certification or recertification by a member of ABMS, the AOA or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in lieu of compliance with CME requirements during the cycle in which the certification or recertification is granted.</p>	<p>Idaho Admin. Code r. 22.01.01-079.01.</p> <p>Idaho Admin. Code r. 22.01.01-079.01.</p>
IL	YES	150 hours every 3 years; 60 hours must be Category 1.	Ill. Admin. Code tit.68., § 1285.110.
IN	NO	--	--
IA	YES*	<p>40 hours every 2 years; may include up to 20 hours of credit carried over from the previous license period.</p> <p>A licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children must complete two hours of training in child abuse identification in the previous five years. A primary care provider must complete two hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting in the previous five years.</p> <p>The Board will accept as equivalent to 50 hours of Category 1 activity, participation in an approved resident training program or board certification or recertification by an ABMS or AOA specialty board within the licensing period.</p> <p>Iowa-licensed physicians who provide primary care must complete two hours of Category 1 training for chronic pain management and two hours of Category 1 training for end-of-life care every five years.</p>	<p>Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-11.4(1).</p> <p>Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-11.2(2).</p> <p>Iowa Admin. Code r. 653-11.4(272C)</p>

KS	YES	Licensee must during the 18-month period preceding the expiration date, verify completion of at least 50 credits of continuing education, at least 20 in category I and the remaining credits in category II; during the 30-month period preceding the expiration date, verify completion of at least 100 credits of continuing education, at least 40 in category I and the remaining credits in category II; or during the 42-month period preceding the expiration date, verify completion of at least 150 credits of continuing education, at least 60 in category I and the remaining credits in category II.	Kan. Admin. Regs. § 100-15-5.
KY	YES*	60 hours every 3 years; 30 must be in Category 1; One-time domestic violence course for primary care physicians; a minimum of 2 hours must be acquired once every 10 years in HIV/AIDS education; For each three (3) year continuing education cycle beginning on January 1, 2015, at least four and one-half (4.5) hours of approved continuing education hours relating to the use of KASPER, pain management, addiction disorders, or a combination of two (2) or more of those subjects for licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances within the Commonwealth.	201 KAR 9:310.
LA	YES*	20 hours per year; all must be Category 1; One-time board orientation course to acquaint new licensees with the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, the function of the Board and its rules, opportunities available in rural and professional health shortage areas, etc.	La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 435
ME-M	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be in Category 1. Physicians who prescribe controlled substances must complete 3 hours of continuing medical education on the prescription of opioid medication every 2 years.	Code Me. R 02-373 Ch.1 § 8
ME-O	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be osteopathic medical education; primary care physicians: all must be AOA Category 1; osteopathic specialists: all must be AOA, ACGME, or AMA Category 1. Physicians who prescribe controlled substances must complete 3 hours of continuing medical education on the prescription of opioid medication every 2 years.	Code Me. R. 02-383 Ch. 14 §§ 1-2.
MD	YES*	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; 1 hour must be on opioid prescribing.	COMAR 10.32.01.09
MA	YES*	Beginning January 1, 2018, the Board's CME Pilot Program requires licensees to obtain no fewer than 50 continuing medical education credits. Credits shall be earned from an organization accredited by the ACCME, AOA, AAFP or a state medical society recognized by the ACCME or from material used for point of care.  The following content-specific CME must be completed: 2 credits in end-of-life issues, as a one-time requirement; 3 credits in opioid education and pain management if the physician prescribes controlled substances; 10 credits in risk management, which may be Category 1 or 2; 2 credits for studying each chapter of the Board's regulations and these	Board of Registration in Medicine, Policy 2017-05, "A CME Pilot Program."



		credits may applied to the risk management requirement; 3 credits in electronic health records as required under state law; the child abuse and neglect training required under state law; and the domestic violence and sexual violence training required under state law. Licensees may also claim 1 credit for every hour of reading a journal or a point of care resource accessed in the process of delivering patient care or updating clinical knowledge.	
MI-M	YES*	150 hours every 3 years; 75 must be Category 1 or 6. Effective December 6, 2017 a minimum of 3 hours of continuing education must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management.	Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.2371-.2382
MI-O	YES*	150 hours every 3 years; 60 must be Category 1 or 3. Effective December 6, 2017 a minimum of 3 hours of continuing education must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management.	Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.91-.99.
MN	YES	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	Minnesota Rules, part 5605.0100-.1200.
MS	YES	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.	Code Miss. Rules 50 013 001.
MO	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1A or 2A; or 40 hours Category 1 or AOA Category 1A with proof of post-testing.	Mo. Code Regs. Ann. Tit. 20, 2150-2.125.
MT	NO	--	--
NE	YES	50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.	Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 172, Ch. 88, § 016.
NV-M	YES*	<p>40 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be in scope of practice of specialty; 2 must be in medical ethics, 18 may be any Category 1; New applicants require 4 hours in WMD/bioterrorism. Additionally, licensees must complete at least 2 hours of instruction every 4 years on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness.</p> <p>Applicants for issuance or renewal of a license must attest to knowledge of and compliance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the prevention of transmission of infectious agents through safe and appropriate injection practices.</p>	Nev. Rev. Stat. 630.253; Nev. Admin. Code ch. 630, s. 153, 154, 155.
NV-O	YES*	<p>Proof to the board that renewal applicant has attended at least 35 hours of continuing education courses or programs approved by the Board during the preceding year, at least 10 hours of which are category 1A courses. Additionally, licensees must complete at least 2 hours of instruction every 4 years on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness.</p> <p>“Category 1A course” means a course of continuing medical education that is offered by a sponsor accredited to offer such a course by the AOA or the ACCME.</p> <p>As part of the biennial continuing education requirements for an osteopathic physician, the Board requires at least 2 hours of continuing education credits in ethics, pain management, or addiction care.</p>	Nev. Admin. Code § 633.250.

		The Board will add this requirement on every odd year renewal application.	
NH	YES*	100 hours of approved continuing medical education requirements every 2 years, 40 hours of which shall be in Category I, and no more than 60 credit hours of which shall be in Category II. Three (3) hours shall be on pain management.	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 329:16-g; N.H. Admin. R. Ann. Med 402.01.
NJ	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 40 must be Category I; 60 hours can be Category II; 6 hours Cultural competence (for physicians licensed prior to 3/2/2005, the cultural competence hours are in addition to 100 hour requirement).  For newly licensed physicians, the Board requires attendance at an orientation program; no CME credit.	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 45:9-7.1; N.J. Admin. Code 13:35-6.15.
NM-M	YES*	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.  Beginning with the July 1, 2014 triennial renewal date, all NM medical board physician licensees who hold a federal drug enforcement administration registration and license to prescribe opioids shall be required to complete and submit five (5) CME hours.  All new licensees holding a federal drug enforcement administration registration and license shall complete five (5) CME hours in pain management during the first year of licensure.	N.M. Admin. Code § 16.10.4.
NM-O	YES	75 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	N.M. Admin. Code tit. 16, § 17.4.
NY	YES*	Infection control, child abuse Prescribers who have a DEA registration number to prescribe controlled substances, as well as medical residents who prescribe controlled substances under a facility DEA registration number, must complete at least three (3) hours of course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction by July 1, 2017.	N.Y. Comp. Codes, R. & Regs. tit. 8, §§ 59.12, 59.13.
NC	YES*	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1 relevant to the physician's current or intended specialty or area of practice.  Beginning on July 1, 2017, every physician who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least three hours of CME, from the required 60 hours of Category 1 CME, that is designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. The controlled substance prescribing CME shall include instruction on controlled substance prescribing practices, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management.	N.C. Admin. Code tit. 21, r. 32R.0101.
ND	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	N.D. Admin. Code 50-04-01-01.
OH	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 40 hours must be Category 1.  Physician owner/operators of pain management clinics must complete at least twenty hours of category I continuing medical education in pain	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4731.281, 282, 283; Ohio Admin. Code §§ 4731-10-01 through 4731-10-15; Ohio Admin. Code § 4731-29-01.

		medicine every two years, to include one or more courses addressing the potential for addiction. The courses completed in compliance with this rule shall be accepted toward meeting the category I requirement for certificate of registration renewal for the physician.	
OK-M	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-15-1.
OK-O	YES*	16 hours every year; all must be AOA Category 1A or 1B; 1 hour every other year on prescribing, dispensing, and administering controlled substances.	Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-3-8.
OR	YES*	60 hours every 2 years, or 30 hours if licensed during the second year of the biennium. All AMA Category 1; AOA Category 1A or 2A. All licenses of the Oregon Medical Board (except licensee holding Lapsed, Limited, Telemedicine, Teleradiology, or Telemonitoring licenses) must complete a 1 hour pain management course; a minimum of 6 CME credit hours in the subject of pain management and/or the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients. Any combination of CME coursework focusing on pain management and/or treatment of terminally ill and dying patients may be used to fulfill this requirement.  Participation in cultural competency education may be counted toward the mandatory continuing education required of all Board licensees.	Or. Admin. R. § 847-008-0070  Or. Admin. R. § 847-008-0075(1).  Or. Admin. R. § 847-008-0070.
PA-M	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be Category 1; 12 hours of patient safety or risk management; 2 hours must be in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements; remaining hours either Category 1 or 2.	Pa. Code tit. 49, § 16.19.
PA-O	YES*	100 hours every 2 years; 20 hours must be Category 1; 12 hours of patient safety or risk management; 2 hours must be in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements; remaining hours either Category 1 or 2.	Pa. Code tit. 49, § 25.271.
PR	YES*	60 hours every 3 years; 40 must be Category 1	--
RI	YES*	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; 2 hours on universal precautions, infection control, modes of transmission, bioterrorism, end of life education, palliative care, OHSA, ethics, or pain management.	Code R.I. R. r. 14.140.031(6).
SC	YES*	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; at least 30 hours of which must be related directly to the licensee's practice area and at least two (2) hours must be related to approved procedures for prescribing and monitoring schedules II-IV controlled substances.	SC Code § 40-47-40; S.C. Code Regs. 81-95.
SD	NO	--	--
TN-M	YES*	40 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; at least 2 of 40 on prescribing practices; providers of intractable pain treatment must have specialized CME in pain management.	Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-2-.19. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-02-.14.
TN-O	YES*	40 hours every 2 years; all must be AOA 1A or 2A; 1 hour on prescribing practices.	Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-2-.12.

TX	YES*	<p>48 credits of continuing medical education (CME) every 24 months. CME credits must be completed in the following categories: (1) At least 24 credits every 24 months are to be from formal courses that are: (A) designated for AMA/PRA Category 1 credit by a CME sponsor accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education or a state medical society recognized by the Committee for Review and Recognition of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education; (B) approved for prescribed credit by the American Academy of Family Physicians; (C) designated for AOA Category 1-A credit required for osteopathic physicians by an accredited CME sponsor approved by the American Osteopathic Association; (D) approved by the Texas Medical Association based on standards established by the AMA for its Physician's Recognition Award; or (E) approved by the board for medical ethics and/or professional responsibility courses only. (2) At least two of the 24 formal credits of CME which are required by paragraph (1) of this subsection must involve the study of medical ethics and/or professional responsibility. Whether a particular credit of CME involves the study of medical ethics and/or professional responsibility shall be determined by the organizations which are enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection as part of their course planning. (3) The remaining 24 credits for the 24-month period may be composed of informal self-study, attendance at hospital lectures, grand rounds, or case conferences not approved for formal CME, and shall be recorded in a manner that can be easily transmitted to the board upon request.</p> <p>Rule 195.4 Operation of management clinics subsection e - CME related to pain management for those working (practicing) in a pain clinic.</p>	TX Occupations Code §§ 156.051 through 156.057; Tex. Admin. Code tit. 22, § 166.2.
UT-M	YES*	40 hours every 2 years; 34 must be ACCME Category 1; 6 hours maximum may come from the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing.	Utah Admin. Code r. 156-67-304.
UT-O	YES	40 hours every 2 years; 34 must be ACCME Category 1; 6 hours maximum may come from the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing.	Utah Admin. Code r. 156-68-304.
VT-M	YES*	30 hours wherein 1 hour must be on hospice, palliative care, and/or pain management services. For each licensee who holds or has applied for a DEA number, at least 1 CME hour must be on safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances.	12-5 Vt. Code R. § 200.
VT-O	YES*	30 hours every 2 years; 40% must be osteopathic medical education.	Code Vt. R. 04 030 220
VI	YES	25 hours every year; all must be Category 1.	VI Code 27 § 38d.
VA	YES*	60 hours every 2 years; 30 must be Category 1, of which 2 hours must be in pain management, proper prescribing of controlled substances, and the diagnosis and management of addiction.	Va. Admin. Code 85-20-235.
WA-M	YES*	200 hours every 4 years.	WAC 246-919-421-480.



		<p>The following are categories of creditable continuing medical education activities approved by the commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category I Continuing medical education activities with accredited sponsorship</li> <li>• Category II Continuing medical education activities with non-accredited sponsorship (maximum of eighty hours)</li> <li>• Category III Teaching of physicians or other allied health professionals (maximum of eighty hours)</li> <li>• Category IV Books, papers, publications, exhibits (maximum of eighty hours)</li> <li>• Category V Self-directed activities: Self assessment, self-instruction, specialty board examination preparation, quality of care and/or utilization review (maximum of eighty hours)</li> </ul> <p>Beginning April 8, 2017, every physician is required to complete a one-time, six-hour training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. This requirement is to be completed by the end of the first full continuing education (CE) reporting period after January 1, 2016, or the first full CE reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later.</p>	WAC 246-919-450.
WA-O	YES*	150 hours every 3 years; 60 must be Category 1. A physician must take a one-time, six (6) hour CME course in suicide prevention.	Wash. Admin. Code §§246-853-060, 246-853-070, 246-853-080.
WV-M	YES*	<p>50 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1; 30 hours must be related to the physician's area of specialty.</p> <p>A physician may earn CME by teaching medical education courses or lecture to medical students, residents, or licensed physicians, or serve as a preceptor to medical students or residents: Provided, that a physician may not count more than twenty (20) hours in this category toward the required fifty (50) hours of continuing medical education</p> <p>The Board will accept as equivalent to 47 hours of Category 1 activity, participation in a board certification or recertification by an ABMS specialty board within the licensing period.</p> <p>Beginning May 1, 2014, every physician as a prerequisite to license renewal shall complete a minimum of three (3) hours of drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training during the previous reporting period, which three (3) such hours may be provided only by a Board-approved program.</p>	W. Va. R. tit. 11, § 6-3; W. Va. Code, § 30-3-12.
WV-O	YES*	<p>32 hours every 2 years; 50% must be AOA Category 1A or 1B.</p> <p>Beginning May 1, 2014, every physician as a prerequisite to license renewal shall complete a minimum of three (3) hours of drug diversion training</p>	W. Va. Code R. § 24-1-15; W. Va. Code, § 30-1-7a; W. Va. Code R. § 24-1-15.2.g.

		and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training during the previous reporting period, which three (3) such hours may be provided only by a Board-approved program.  A licensee participating in a clinical residency program for more than nine months out of the most recent licensing period may substitute a verification of participation in lieu of documentation of the CME hours specified.	
WI	YES*	30 hours every 2 years; all must be Category 1.	Wis. Admin. Code MED § 13.02.
WY	YES	60 hours every 3 years; all must be Category 1.	WY Rules & Regulations AI BM Ch.1 s5
Northern Mariana Islands	YES	25 hours annually; all must be Category 1.	Public Law No. 7-48

**\*Jurisdiction requires content-specific CME.**

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