

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**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>
- **Effective May 1, 2026**, volunteer medical doctors must complete at least 2 hours of continuing education in organ and tissue donation and recovery process (organ donation) one time within 5 years of initial licensure or within 5 years of licensure renewal, whichever comes first.

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, WHICHEVER IS LATER.