

CME for opioid prescribing:

All licensees need to complete 3 hours of AMA category 1 CME on opioid prescribing every 2 years.

Buprenorphine Waiver Training as described by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) may be counted toward meeting the requirement of this law as long as the training is approved Category 1 Continuing Medical Education by the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education (AMA).

Three hours of **any Category 1 AMA approved program on the prescribing of opioids** will suffice. The CME must be taken since your last renewal in order to be counted towards this requirement. A few suggestions for obtain free opioid prescribing CME through the following websites are:

1) **Maine Quality Counts** <https://qclearninglab.org/course-cat/caring-for-me/> QC has 8 online modules around SAFE OPIOID PRESCRIBING with funding from the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (BOLIM).

21) **The Massachusetts Medical Society website** : <http://www.massmed.org/>
Upper right- click on “join now”, then “create an account”. It will ask for email, then will ask for contact info etc. Once you are registered, go to the home page and click on toolbar education, choose online courses, then scroll down and click on ‘**Opioid Prescribing Series (6 modules)**’. You can choose the modules you want by simply clicking it. They are **free** for non-members. You will need to order it, but it will be a \$0.00 fee. Once you have ordered it, you can begin the course. You will need to get a score of at least 70% on the test to get the CME credit. You need a total of three category 1 credits to meet Maine requirements.

3) **The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)-**
<http://www.asam.org/education/resources/Opioid-Prescribing> (You will need to create an account before you can access the **free** online course).

4) CDC’s *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* is proud to announce the release of a new, free continuing education activity on **opioid prescribing** developed in partnership with **Medscape**. Continuing Medical Education (CME), American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification (ABIM MOC), and Continuing Education (CE) credits are all available for this activity - *CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016*. This opioid-prescribing activity is intended for primary care clinicians, nurses, and other clinicians prescribing opioids for chronic pain outside of active cancer treatment, palliative care, and end-of-life care. To access this activity from CDC’s website, visit *MMWR*’s “**Medscape CME Activity**” page at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/cme/medscape_cme.html (CE Expiration Date: 08/06/2019)