

Licenses Called to Active Military Service

POLICY: CME requirements for physicians or physician assistants called to active military service will be stayed until six (6) months after the licensee is released from active service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2003

REVISION DATES: September 9, 2004; September 17, 2005

HISTORY: P.L. Chapter 111 (L.D. 685), effective September 17, 2005, automatically extends licenses, and allows for the waiver of continuing education requirements for members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces under an order to active duty for more than 30 days. The license or certificate or registration must be automatically extended for the period of active duty and for six (6) months after that person has been released from active duty. The continuing education requirements may be waived during the active duty and for six (6) months after that person is released from active duty.

The September 9, 2004 edition of the Policy read: ‘A physician or physician assistant called to active duty in the military service of the United States outside the State of Maine is eligible for a stay to his/her license renewal during the period of such service where receiving and completing renewal forms are hampered by such active duty status.’

The September 2004 revision was made to add clarifying language that the policy was intended to include physician assistants.

PRECEDENT: Board Policy March 12, 1991, which read:

POLICY: It is the Policy of the Board of Licensure in Medicine that consistent with the intent of a resolution of the AMA, the Board waives from its requirement for 20 category 1 CME credits earned per year in 1990 and 1991, 1 credit for each week of displacement from active practice in Maine in compliance with orders to active duty by military authority during the Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm mobilization and Persian Gulf Crisis.

Procedure: Board staff may accept copies of military orders as evidence of a call to active duty and demobilization.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1991