

NOTICE: CME FOR PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Pursuant to legislation recently enacted, licensees prescribing controlled substances are required to complete three (3) hours of Category 1 CME regarding the prescribing of opioid medication(s) every two (2) years as a condition of prescribing these medication(s). The deadline for completion of the initial course is December 31, 2017.

The Legislature also requires that the Board of Osteopathic Licensure (and all other Boards licensing prescribers of controlled substances) promulgate rules regarding the new requirement. Rulemaking is a time-consuming process. The Board encourages its licensees who prescribe controlled substances to complete the requirement as soon as possible.

To that end, the Board will consider any licensee who has completed this continuing medical education requirement between April 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017 to have satisfied the initial requirement.

Applicable credits may be obtained through:

The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA); American Osteopathic Association (AOA); American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA); American Medical Association Council on Medical Education (AMA); Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME); American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP); or the Committee on Continuing Medical Education of the Maine Medical Association (MMA)