

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Colorado Medical Board

MEDICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

3 CCR 713-1

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1.33 RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIANS

- A. Basis: The general authority for promulgation of these rules and regulations by the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") is set forth in sections 12-20-202, 12-20-204(1), 12-240-106(1)(a), 12-240-110, 12-240-120(1)(e), 12-240-130, 12-240-130.5(7) and 12-240-141(5), C.R.S.
- B. Purpose: The purpose of these rules is to effectuate the requirements for licensees to comply with continuing medical education requirements set forth in section 12-240-130.5, C.R.S.
- C. Renewal, Reinstatement and Reactivation:
 - 1. Pursuant to the requirements of sections 12-240-130.5, C.R.S. and 12-30-114, C.R.S., on and after January 1, 2026, the Board will not issue a license until the applicant attests that the licensee or applicant is in compliance with the required continuing medical education and that the licensee or applicant is aware of penalties for noncompliance.
 - 2. In order to ensure the continuing competence of a licensed physician, a licensed physician must complete 30 credit hours of approved Continuing Medical Education (CME) during each biennial renewal cycle. A licensed physician must attest to completion of approved CME during renewal, reinstatement or reactivation of their license. Courses must be taken through a continuing education provider recognized by the Board.
 - 3. On the renewal notice, a physician must certify under penalty of perjury compliance with the CME requirements, unless the Board has approved a CME waiver or an extension.
 - 4. Failure to provide the required verification of completion upon request by the Board shall be considered unprofessional conduct by the Board and may result in disciplinary action.
 - 5. The requirements of this section 1.33 apply to any licensee seeking renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation in active status.
- D. Courses approved by the Board:
 - 1. Programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) that qualify for AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s).
 - 2. Be a program required in order to maintain national board certification, as defined at section 12-240-130.5(2)(e), C.R.S., not including a program self-claimed or self-documented by the physician.

3. Programs which qualify for prescribed credit from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

4. Be an approved program of the American Osteopathic Association.

E. CME Topics

1. If a physician is required to undertake education to comply with section 12-30-114, C.R.S. and Board Rule 1.29(C) then coursework completed through programs recognized in Section D of this Rule counts toward the physician's requirement to complete continuing medical education.

2. A physician has discretion to self-select the topics for the remainder of their CME requirements.

F. Requirement to Maintain Transcript of Certificates of Attendance

Pursuant to section 12-240-131(7)(a), C.R.S., a physician must maintain a transcript of certificate of attendance at each CME program that includes a statement of the credit hours earned.

G. Audit for CME Compliance

1. The Board may conduct an annual audit of physicians who have certified that they have complied with the CME requirement by signing the CME certification statement on their license renewal notice. Pursuant to section 12-240-121(1)(ii), it constitutes unprofessional conduct for failing, without reasonable cause, to comply with the continuing medical education requirement.

H. Requesting a CME Waiver

1. A physician may request a waiver if the physician is unable to complete the minimum CME requirements due to health, military service, or undue hardship. If the application for CME waiver is denied by the Board, the physician may be allowed to renew their license one time; however, the physician will be required to make up the deficient hours over the next renewal period and document to the Board 60 hours by the end of the renewal period.
2. If needed, a physician should request a waiver approximately three months prior to the license expiration. All requests are reviewed on an individual basis and may be subject to verification of the physician's inability to comply.

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Editor's Notes

History

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