CME Requirements At-A-Glance

Renewal Cycle:
  Biennial – License expires the last day of the month of licensee’s DOB

State-Mandated CME Requirements:
  • 40 CME during each renewal cycle
  • One-time Requirement: 3 CME on Controlled Substances Prescribing Practices

State-Mandated CME Content Detail

Physicians licensed to practice medicine in Georgia must complete 40 hours of Category 1 continuing medical education every two-year renewal cycle.

Effective January 1, 2018, every physician not subject to Rule 360-15-.01(3)* who maintains an active DEA certificate and prescribes controlled substances, except those holding a residency training permit, shall complete at least one time three or more hours of AMA/AOA PRA Category 1 CME that is designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. The controlled substance prescribing CME shall include instruction on controlled substance prescribing guidelines, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. The certification of such completion must occur at the first renewal following January 1, 2018 or the first renewal following licensure. Completion of this requirement may count as three hours toward the CME requirement for license renewal. NOTE: Any controlled substances prescribing guidelines coursework taken within two years of your last renewal will count toward this requirement.

Accepted CME
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