State-Mandated CME Requirements:

- 100 CME every two-year renewal cycle (p. 161)
- Minimum of 40 Category 1 (p. 161)
- 1 Opioid Prescribing (p.5)
- 2 Category 1 CME in End of Life Care every two years
- One-time requirement: 6 Cultural Competency

State-Mandated CME Content Detail

A licensee applying for a biennial license renewal shall complete 100 continuing medical education credits in Category I or Category II courses, of which at least 40 of such credits shall be in Category I.

Two of the 40 credits in Category I courses shall be in programs or topics related to end-of-life care.

Health care professionals who have the authority to prescribe opioid medications will be required to complete one continuing education credit on topics that include responsible prescribing practices, alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

Licensees must complete at least 6 hours of training in cultural competency in these
six topics:

1. A context for the training, common definitions of cultural competence, race, ethnicity and culture and tools for self-assessment.
2. An appreciation for the traditions and beliefs of diverse patient populations, at multiple levels- as individuals, in families and as part of a larger community.
3. An understanding of the impact that stereotyping can have on medical decision making.
4. Strategies for recognizing patterns of health care disparities and eliminating factors influencing them.
5. Approaches to enhance cross-cultural skills, such as those relating to history-taking, problem solving and promoting patient compliance.
6. Techniques to deal with language barriers and other communication needs, including working with interpreters.

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