CME Requirements At-A-Glance

Renewal Cycle:
Biennial renewal by November 30 of even-numbered years

State-Mandated CME Requirements:

- 30 CME every two-year renewal cycle
- 2 Prescribing of Controlled Substances
- 1 Palliative Care

State-Mandated CME Content Detail

Each physician applying for renewal of a license to practice medicine must complete at least thirty hours of qualifying CME during the most recent two-year licensing period. For physicians licensed in Vermont for the first time during the most recent two-year licensing period, if licensed for less than one year, there is no requirement for CME at the time of the first renewal. If licensed for one year or more during that initial period of Vermont licensure, the licensee shall complete at least 15 hours of CME activity and those 15 hours shall include any subject-specific CME required by these rules.

All physician licensees who are required to certify completion of CME and who prescribe controlled substances complete at least two hours of qualifying CME activity on controlled substances prescribing. The following topics must be covered, as required by Vermont law: abuse and diversion, safe use, and appropriate storage and disposal of controlled substances; the appropriate use of the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System; risk assessment for abuse or addiction; pharmacological and nonpharmacological alternatives to opioids for managing pain; medication tapering and cessation of the use of controlled substances; and relevant State and federal laws.
and regulations concerning the prescription of opioid controlled substances.

All physician licensees who are required to complete CME shall certify at the time of each renewal that at least one of the hours of qualifying CME activity has been on the topics of hospice, palliative care, or pain management services.

Accepted CME

State Statutes and Codes

Vermont Rules of the Board of Medical Practice

State Medical Board

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