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PRESS RELEASE

Changes in Continuing Medical Education Requirements

During the 2015 legislative session, new Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements were enacted and became effective July 3, 2015.

In order to maintain a license to practice medicine in the state of Arizona, osteopathic physicians are required to obtain forty (40) hours of Board approved CME during the two (2) years preceding license renewal (A.R.S. § 32-1825(B)).

Please note as an Arizona licensed D.O. regardless of specialty, board certification or state in which an osteopathic physician currently resides, Arizona requires CME per renewal cycle and must include at least twenty-four (24) hours of Category 1-A activities sponsored by an AOA accredited sponsor. The remaining balance may consist of any category of CME, including CME activities sponsored by an accredited AMA or ACCME provider and certified by the accredited provider as AMA PRA Category 1 credit.

An osteopathic physician may fulfill twenty (20) hours of the CME requirement each year by participating in an approved residency, internship, fellowship or preceptorship.

Contact the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) for specific 1-A program certification. You can review the CME Guide for Osteopathic Physicians published by the AOA at www.osteopathic.org.