

Chapter Med 13

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIANS

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Med 13.01 Authority and purpose. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the medical examining board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 448.13, Stats., and govern the biennial training requirements for physicians as provided under s. 448.13, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1989, No. 401; am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97; am. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00.

Med 13.02 Continuing medical education required; waiver. (1) Each physician required to complete the biennial training requirements provided under s. 448.13, Stats., shall, in each second year at the time of making application for a certificate of registration as required under s. 448.07, Stats., sign a statement on the application for registration certifying that the physician has completed at least 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical educational programs within the biennial registration period.

(1g) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), for a renewal date occurring in 2017 or 2018, a minimum of 2 of the 30 hours of continuing medical education required under sub. (1) shall be an educational course or program related to the guidelines issued by the board under s. 440.035 (2m), Stats., that is approved under s. Med 13.03 (3) at the time of the physician’s attendance.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a physician who, at the time of making application for a certificate of registration, does not hold a U.S. drug enforcement administration number to prescribe controlled substances.

(1r) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), for the renewal date occurring on November 1, 2019, a minimum of 2 of the 30 hours of continuing medical education required under sub. (1) shall be an educational course or program related to the guidelines issued by the board under s. 440.035 (2m), Stats., that is approved under s. Med 13.03 (3) at the time of the physician’s attendance.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a physician who, at the time of making application for a certificate of registration, does not hold a U.S. drug enforcement administration number to prescribe controlled substances.

(1v) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), for the renewal date occurring on November 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 of the 30 hours of continuing medical education required under sub. (1) shall be an educational course or program related to opioid prescribing that is approved under s. Med 13.03 (3) at the time of the physician’s attendance.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a physician who, at the time of making application for a certificate of registration, does not hold a U.S. drug enforcement administration number to prescribe controlled substances.

(1x) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), for the renewal date occurring on November 1, 2023, a minimum of 2 of the 30 hours of continuing medical education required under sub. (1) shall be an educational course or program related to prescribing opioids and other controlled substances that is approved under s. Med 13.03 (3) at the time of the physician’s attendance, and whose subject matter meets the requirements of s. Med 13.03 (3) (b) 2s.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a physician who, at the time of making application for a certificate of registration, does

not hold a U.S. drug enforcement administration number to prescribe controlled substances.

(2) A physician may apply to the board for waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of prolonged illness or disability or other similar circumstances, and each case will be considered individually on its merits by the board.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. (1), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; am. (1), February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97; am. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00; EmR1631: emerg. am. (1), cr. (1g), (1r), eff. 11–10–16; CR 16–070: am. (1), cr. (1g), (1r) Register May 2017 No. 737, eff. 6–1–17; CR 18–072: am. (1g), (1r), cr. (1v), Register July 2019 No. 763, eff. 8–1–19; CR 21–017: cr. (1x) Register January 2022 No. 793, eff. 2–1–22.

Med 13.03 Acceptable continuing medical educational programs. The board shall accept the following in satisfaction of the biennial training requirement provided under s. 448.13, Stats.:

(1) (a) *Program approval.* Educational courses and programs approved in advance by the board may be used for credit, except that the board may approve for credit completed programs and courses conducted in other countries.

(b) *Physicians.* The board recognizes only those educational programs recognized as approved at the time of the physician’s attendance by the council on medical education of the American medical association, or the American osteopathic association, or the accreditation council for continuing medical education or may recognize program providers outside the United States unless any of the foregoing have been previously disapproved by the board. The board will accept attendance at and completion of programs accredited as the American medical association’s or the American osteopathic association’s “Category I” or an equivalent as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education. One clock hour of attendance shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing medical education.

(2) (a) The board shall accept for continuing medical education credit, voluntary, uncompensated services provided by physicians specializing in psychiatry in assisting the department of health services in the evaluation of community outpatient mental health programs, as defined in s. 51.01 (3n), Stats., and approved by the department of health services according to rules promulgated under s. 51.42 (7) (b), Stats. Four hours of assistance, including hours expended in necessary training by the department of health services, shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Physicians wishing to apply for continuing medical education credit under this subsection shall register in advance with the board and shall notify the board on forms provided by the board of the dates and the total number of hours in any biennium for which the applicant will be available to provide assistance. Referrals shall be made to the department of health services in the order received pursuant to requests for assistance received from that department by the medical examining board and by the psychology examining board.

Note: Forms to apply for continuing medical education credit are available from the department of safety and professional services’ website at <http://dsps.wi.gov>, by phone at (608) 266–2112, or by email at dsps@wisconsin.gov.

(3) (a) Only educational courses and programs approved by the board may be used to satisfy the requirement under s. Med

13.02 (1g) (a), (1r) (a), (1v) (a), and (1x) (a). To apply for approval of a continuing education course or program, a provider shall submit to the board an application on forms provided by the department. The application shall include all of the following concerning the course or program:

1. The title.
2. A general description and a detailed outline of the content.
3. The dates and locations.
4. The name and qualifications of the instructor.
5. The sponsor.

Note: An application for continuing education course or program approval may be obtained from the board at the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Office of Education and Examinations, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708, or from the department's website at <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

(b) A continuing education course or program must meet all of the following criteria to be approved:

1. The course or program is accepted by the board under sub. (1) (b).

2. The subject matter of a course under s. Med 13.02 (1g) (a) or (1r) (a) shall pertain to the guidelines issued by the board under s. 440.035 (2m), Stats.

2m. The subject matter of a course under s. Med 13.02 (1v) (a) shall pertain to opioid prescribing.

2s. The subject matter of a course under s. Med 13.02 (1x) (a) shall pertain to responsible prescribing of opioids and other controlled substances, with an emphasis on informed consent of all patients on opioid therapy and other controlled substances.

3. The provider agrees to monitor the attendance and furnish a certificate of attendance to each participant. The certificate of attendance shall certify successful completion of the course or program.

4. The provider is approved by the board.

5. The course or program content and instructional methodologies are approved by the board.

(c) A separate application shall be submitted for each continuing education course or program approval request.

(d) A course or program sponsor may repeat a previously approved course or program without application, if the subject matter and instructor has not changed.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; renum. Med 13.03 to be 13.03 (1) and am., cr. (intro.), (2), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; r. and recr. (1), Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97; r. (1) (c), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00; correction in (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 6., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; EmR1631: emerg. cr. (3), eff. 11–10–16; CR 16–070: cr. (3) Register May 2017 No. 737, eff. 6–1–17; CR 18–072: am. (3) (b) 2., cr. (3) (b) 2m. Register July 2019 No. 763, eff. 8–1–19; **CR 21–017: am. (3) (a) (intro.), cr. (3) (b) 2s. Register January 2022 No. 793, eff. 2–1–22.**

Med 13.04 Physician postgraduate training program; length of service. The board will accept postgraduate training in a program approved by the board under the provisions of s. Med 1.02 (3), as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education for physicians. Three consecutive months of such postgraduate training shall be deemed to equal 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.

Med 13.05 Evidence of compliance. (1) PHYSICIANS. The board will accept as evidence of compliance by physicians with the requirements of this chapter, as original documents or verified copies thereof, any or all or any combination of the following:

(a) Certification by either the providing institution or organization or the American medical association or the American osteopathic association, or components thereof, of attendance at and completion of continuing medical education programs approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.03 (1) (a).

(b) A “Physician’s Recognition Award” of the American medical association or a certificate of continuing medical education from the American academy of family physicians awarded not more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the calendar year for which application for registration is being made.

(c) Certification by a chief of service or head of department or director of medical education of the providing facility of appointment to and satisfactory participation in a postgraduate training program approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.04.

(2) RETENTION REQUIREMENT. Evidence of compliance shall be retained by each physician through the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. (1) (intro.) and r. and recr. (2), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; am. (1) (intro.), (a) and (2), cr. (1m), Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97; r. (1m), am. (2), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00.

Med 13.06 Audit. The board shall conduct a random audit of licensees on a biennial basis for compliance with the continuing education requirement stated in s. Med 13.02 (1). The board may require any physician to submit evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirement to the board during the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration to audit compliance.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97; am. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00; CR 14–033: am. Register May 2015 No. 713, eff. 6–1–15.