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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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5605.0100 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT.

During three-year cycles, each physician licensed to practice by this board shall obtain 150 hours of continuing medical education credit as required by this chapter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0200 LICENSEE CLASSES.

Subpart 1. **Establishment.** For the purpose of administering this rule, the board will establish three classes of licensees as follows:

A. Class I. Licensees in this class will be required to complete 50 hours of continuing education by December 31, 1978. These hours shall include at least 20 hours of category 1 credit. However, no more than 15 hours of credit may be obtained in any one of the other categories. Thereafter, the licensees in this class shall report to the board at three-year intervals.

B. Class II. Licensees in this class will be required to complete 100 hours of continuing education by December 31, 1979. These hours shall include at least 40 hours of category 1 credit. However, no more than 30 hours of credit may be obtained in any one of the other categories. Thereafter, the licensees in this class shall report to the board at three-year intervals.

C. Class III. Licensees in this class shall be required to complete 150 hours of continuing education by December 31, 1980. These hours shall be obtained in such a way as to fully comply with the requirements of part 5605.0300. Thereafter, the licensees in this class shall continue to report to the board at three-year intervals.

Subp. 2. **Placement of licensees into classes.** The board shall place licensees in these three classes so as to create classes that are approximately equal. No other standard shall be used in determining the class into which licensees shall be placed.

Subp. 3. **Three-year cycles.** Each person initially licensed after the effective date of this rule shall commence his or her first three-year cycle on January 1 following the date of initial licensure.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0300 CATEGORIES OF CREDITED ACTIVITIES.

Continuing medical education credit may be obtained from the following activities:

A. Category 1. No less than 60 hours of credit shall be obtained in any cycle by attendance at educational activities approved by the board pursuant to part 5605.0500.

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B. Category 2. No more than 45 hours of credit may be obtained in any cycle through educational activities sponsored by a hospital, clinic, or medical or osteopathic society and not meeting the standards contained in category 1.

C. Category 3. No more than 45 hours of credit may be obtained in any cycle through medical teaching of medical students, residents, practicing physicians, and allied health professionals.

D. Category 4. No more than 40 hours of credit may be obtained in any cycle for papers, publications, books, lectures, and exhibits.

(1) Papers, publications, and books. Ten hours of credit shall be granted for a scientific paper or book chapter published in a scholarly medical journal or book.

(2) Lectures. An hour of credit shall be granted for each hour spent lecturing at a course which would qualify for approval under these rules.

(3) Exhibits and nonpublished papers. Ten hours of credit shall be granted for a paper or exhibit presented before a professional medical or allied health audience. Credit may be claimed only once for each scientific material presented.

E. Category 5. No more than 45 hours of credit may be obtained by engaging in professional reading, peer patient care review activities, self-assessment examinations sponsored by a professional organization recognized by the board as maintaining a significant level of quality control, and preparation for certification or recertification examinations administered by a national specialty board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0400 APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR CREDIT.

Subpart 1. **Application.** Persons or organizations intending to offer courses for continuing education credit not included under part 5605.0500, item F may apply to the board in advance for approval. Any person or organization may submit a course for approval by the board.

Subp. 2. **Information required.** The following information shall be provided to the board, as well as any other information which the board may reasonably require for the purpose of evaluating the course for which approval is sought:

A. the name and address of the organization sponsoring the course;

B. a detailed description of the course content including a time schedule for the course;

C. the name of each instructor or person making a presentation and his or her credentials; and

D. the location including the name and address of the facility at which the course will be conducted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0500 APPROVED ACTIVITIES IN CATEGORY 1.

The board shall grant category 1 continuing education credit for any educational activity which meets the following standards:

A. The educational activities shall have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matter directly related to the practice of medicine or to the professional responsibility or ethical obligations of the participants.

B. Each person making a presentation shall be qualified by practical or academic experience to teach the subject he or she covers.

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C. Participants shall attend educational activities in a classroom, laboratory, or setting suitable for the activity. Video, motion picture, or sound tape presentations may be used.

D. Ordinarily, credit will not be given for speeches given at lunches or banquets.

E. One hour of credit shall be given for each 60 minutes actually spent on educational activities.

F. Any course planned, sponsored, or cosponsored by a medical or osteopathic medical school, state or national medical or osteopathic association, or a national medical specialty board shall be presumed to meet the above standards. This presumption may be withdrawn by the board if it determines that a school, association, or specialty board has sought credit for a course not meeting these standards.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0600 DENIAL OF APPLICATION.

The board shall state in writing its reasons for denying any application for approval of a course for credit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0700 SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATION.

The board may accept certification or recertification by an American specialty board in lieu of compliance with the continuing education requirements during the cycle in which certification or recertification is granted. The board may also accept certification of other state or national medical groups whose continuing medical education requirements are the equivalent of or greater than those of this board in lieu of compliance with these standards.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0800 RETROACTIVE APPROVAL.

Upon application, the board shall issue retroactive approval of any educational activity offered after January 1, 1977, which meets the standards for approval contained in this chapter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.0900 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

Licenses shall, at the relicensure period coinciding with the end of their cycle, provide a signed statement to the board on a form provided by the board indicating compliance with this rule. The board may, in its discretion, require such additional evidence as is necessary to verify compliance with the rule.

A licensee failing to submit a statement or who submits a statement which, on its face, indicates noncompliance with this rule may be subject to the disciplinary provisions contained in part 5605.1100.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.1000 EXEMPTIONS.

The board may grant an exemption from these continuing education requirements to a licensee for full time participation in residency or fellowship training at a professionally accredited institution.

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5605.1100 OTHER ACTIONS BY BOARD.

The board may refuse to renew, suspend, condition, limit, or qualify the license of any person whom the board determines has failed to comply with the requirements of this rule.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*

5605.1200 HEARING UPON REFUSAL TO RENEW.

If the board refuses to renew a license, a hearing shall be held only if the licensee submits a written request for a hearing within 30 days after receiving notice of the refusal to renew. Any such hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 214.12*