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Proposed CME Requirements

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3 New Education and Training Requirements

- Electronic Health Records
- Opioid Prescribing and Pain Management Training
- Education on End of Life Care

Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008

- **SECTION 15.** The board [of registration in medicine] shall require, as a standard of eligibility for licensure, that applicants show a predetermined level of competency in the use of computerized physician order entry, e-prescribing, electronic health records and other forms of health information technology, as determined by the board.

Effective January 1, 2015

Electronic Health Records

- 3 credits of education or training. Also counts towards your 10 credit risk management CME requirement.
- **Initial Licensees** Must Establish Initial EHR Competency on and after 1/1/2015.
- **Renewing Licensees** must establish Initial EHR Competency as of the first renewal date on or after 1/1/15.
- Thereafter, renewing licensees will show Continuing EHR Competency every 4 years through the license renewal process.

What does it mean?

- The Legislature told BORM to decide how to measure “competency in EHR.” We took the first step in this process in our proposed regulations.*
- Over the next 2 years, BORM will issue Guidelines on EHR Competency. We anticipate that there will be several ways to establish competency.
- For example, we expect that physicians who meet the CMS “meaningful use” standard will be deemed to have met the BORM standard.**

How will BORM do it?

- We will add a screen to Online License Renewal asking:
 - Have you received the required CME credits in EHR?
 - Have you achieved Federal “meaningful use”?
 - Simple attestation is required Federally now, and the Board will audit CME compliance.



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL *of* MEDICINE

The “Meaningful Use” Regulation for Electronic Health Records

David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P., and Marilyn Tavenner, R.N., M.H.A.

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Pain Management Training (PMT)

- The Legislature passed this law in 2010. (St. 2010 c.283 § 2). Law was effective 9/8/2010, but the BORIM Implementation Date will be 1/1/2012.*
- 3 CREDITS of education or training in:
 - Effective pain management;
 - Identification of patients at high risk for substance abuse; and
 - Counseling patients about the side effects, addictive nature and proper storage and disposal of prescription meds.

IT'S THE LAW: M.G.L. c. 94C, Section 18(e)

"Practitioners who prescribe controlled substances, except veterinarians, *SHALL be required, as a prerequisite to obtaining or renewing their professional license*, to complete appropriate training relative to: (i) effective pain management; (ii) identification of patients at high risk for substance abuse; and (iii) counseling patients about the side effects, addictive nature and proper storage and disposal of prescription medications. *The boards of registration for each professional license that require such training shall develop the standards for appropriate training programs.*"

What Does the Law Mean to You?

- Physicians must meet the PMT requirement at initial licensure.
- Physicians must meet the PMT requirement each time they renew their licenses.

What's The Measure?

- The Board decides what an “appropriate training program” is.
- The Board will incorporate pain management training into existing CME requirements.
- Pain Management Training will also count toward 3 risk management credits.

What Resources Are Available?

- WWW.OPIOIDPRESCRIBING.COM (Free!)
- Seminars like this one: BU Medical School/Board Sponsored Seminars (Waltham and Holyoke Satellite Locations)
- Other Online Courses and Seminars

Education on End-of-Life Care

- In 2000, the Legislature established the MA Commission on End of Life. In 2008, the Legislature created a MA Expert Panel on End of Life Care. (St. 2008, c. 305, s. 43)
- In 2010, this Expert Panel recommended increasing public awareness of advance planning and training health care providers in “medical and ethical issues surrounding the end of a patient’s life.”

End of Life Care

- This will be a 2 credit CME requirement.
- Online education is acceptable.
- You may apply these EOL credits to your risk management requirement.
- The Board will issue Guidelines on the EOL and PMT requirements once the regulations are promulgated.

How will the Board do it?

We will add 2 questions to both the Online License Renewal system and paper applications asking:

Have you taken the required CME credits in opioid education and pain management?

Have you taken the required CME credits in End-of-Life Care studies?

- You will simply attest that you completed the PMT requirement by signing (or e-signing) your renewal.
- You will not need to send in documentation of completion, unless you are randomly selected for a CME compliance audit.*

Board Hot Topics

- Proposed Regulations (Licensing and Practice of Medicine)
- Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)
- Credentials Verification Organization (CVO)
- Physician Workforce Data