

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 630.130 and 630.2535, as amended by section 17 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter ____, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page ____.

A REGULATION relating to continuing medical education; revising provisions relating to credits received by holders of a license to practice medicine and physician assistants for continuing medical education relating to misuse and abuse of controlled substances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Medical Examiners to establish by regulation the standards for licensure for physicians, physician assistants and related professions. (NRS 630.130) Existing law further requires the Board of Medical Examiners, by regulation, to require each physician or physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances to complete at least 2 hours of training relating to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction every two years. (NRS 630.2535, as amended by section 17 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter ____, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page ____) Existing regulation sets forth requirements for physicians and physician assistants relating to the number of hours and types of programs of continuing medical education that each licensee must complete. (NAC 630.153, 630.350) This regulation requires each physician and physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances to complete at least 2 hours of continuing medical education relating to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction. This regulation also entitles a physician or physician who completes such a program of continuing medical education to receive credit for those hours towards certain existing continuing medical education requirements.

Section 1. Chapter 630 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 630.2535, as amended by section 17 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter ____, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page ____, a holder of a license to practice medicine who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231 shall, during each period for biennial registration, complete at least 2 hours of continuing medical education relating specifically to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.

2. A program of continuing medical education relating specifically to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction must offer, upon successful completion of the program, a certificate of Category 1 credit as recognized by the American Medical Association to the holder of the license.

3. A holder of a license to practice medicine who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231 is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to subsection 1 of NAC 630.153 for each hour of continuing medical education completed pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 1. Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 630.2535, as amended by section 17 of Assembly Bill No. 474, chapter ____, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page ____, a physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231, during each period for biennial registration, shall complete at least 2 hours of continuing medical education relating specifically to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction.

2. A program of continuing medical education relating specifically to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction must:

(a) Be a program of continuing medical education as defined by the American Academy of Physician Assistants; or

(b) Offer, upon successful completion of the program, a certificate of Category 1 credit as recognized by the American Medical Association to the physician assistant.

3. A physician assistant who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to NRS 453.231 is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to subsection 1 of NAC 630.350 for each hour of continuing medical education completed pursuant to subsection 1.