

## **CE Requirement for CDS Registration**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Why is the CE required?**

Legislation passed during the 2018 session, which will take effect on October 1, 2018 - HB 1452 / SB 1223 – “Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration – Authorized Providers – Continuing Education”.

#### **What is the requirement?**

Beginning on October 1, 2018, the law requires all new and renewal applicants for the Maryland CDS Registration issued by Office of Controlled Substances Administration (OCSA) to attest to completing 2 Hours of Continuing Education, related to the Prescribing or Dispensing of Controlled Dangerous Substances.

#### **If I have completed a CME in the past, do I have to take another course?**

No. The bill did not specify a time period so any previous CME earned related to the prescribing or dispensing of Controlled Dangerous Substances will satisfy the CME requirement.

#### **If I completed a CME course pertaining to the prescribing or dispensing of opioids when it was mandated by the Board of Physicians, will the course count for this CME requirement?**

Yes. OCSA has indicated that they will accept courses completed for the Board’s mandate if the course was accredited by ACCME.

#### **Is this a one-time requirement, or a recurring requirement that CDS authorized providers will need to complete upon each renewal?**

This is a one-time requirement. Any new applicants will have to complete the required CME prior to receiving their CDS registration on or after October 1, 2018. Any renewal applicant must attest to completing the required CME prior to the first renewal that occurs on or after October 1, 2018. Once this CME attestation requirement is met, the registrant will not need to attest to completing 2 hours of CME on any future registration.

### **What if I obtained my CE in another state?**

If the course was taken in another state and is accredited by the ACCME that is acceptable, otherwise the course must be recognized by the Maryland licensing board that issues your license.

### **Is there a list of acceptable continuing education courses?**

A registrant may take any course that addresses prescribing or dispensing of CDS as long as the course is ACCME accredited. If the course is not ACCME accredited, the registrant should contact the Board to determine if the course is recognized. A course that meets the Board's requirements for continuing education credits is recognized for purposes of this requirement. A non-exhaustive list of ACCME accredited courses and other resources for physicians and physician assistants are listed below.

### **What are the resources?**

#### **Physicians:**

- Boston University School of Medicine [Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Pain](#) and [SCOPE of Pain - Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education](#)
- Massachusetts Medical Society [The Opioid Epidemic \(6 Modules\)](#)
- [University of Buffalo Opioid Prescriber Training Program](#)

#### **Physician Assistants:**

- American Academy of Physician Assistants [Managing Pain Patients Who Abuse Prescription Drugs and Opioid Prescribing: Safe Practice, Changing Lives](#) (approved by the AAPA Review Panel)