

Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination

Continuing Education Policy Statement

An osteopathic physician licensed in Tennessee is required to complete forty (40) hours of continuing medical education courses during two (2) calendar years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. (See Tennessee Rules and Regulations 1050-2-.12 regarding continuing education requirements)

Should the osteopathic physician fail to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year, the following shall occur:

- 1. The osteopathic physician must pay a civil penalty in the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each hour of Category 1-A and II-A missed. Payment must be rendered within sixty days of notification from the Board that the osteopathic physician been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 2. The osteopathic physician must make up the amount of continuing hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**
- 3. The osteopathic physician must complete an additional ten (10) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the osteopathic physician make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours' requirements for the current calendar year. The ten (10) hours must be made up within two years of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Board request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Board may also result in disciplinary action.

Adopted by the Board of Osteopathic Examination on the 23rd day of March, 2005.