



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation
Division of Health Related Boards
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

To: Tennessee Osteopathic Physicians

From: Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination's Administrative Office

Re: Reminder Regarding Changes to Continuing Education Requirements

If you are a licensed osteopathic physician in the state of Tennessee with a DEA registration, as a condition of your 2015 and all subsequent renewals, you will be required to complete two (2) hours of continuing education related to controlled substance prescribing which must include instruction in the Department's treatment guidelines.

If you are a licensed osteopathic physician in the state of Tennessee who does not have a DEA registration, you must complete two (2) hours of continuing education in prescribing practices as a condition of your 2016 and all subsequent renewals.

Your CME should be earned in the two (2) calendar years preceding the year of your renewal.

Pursuant to Public Chapter 430, which became effective July 1, 2014, all prescribers who hold a current federal drug enforcement administration (DEA) registration and who prescribe controlled substances are required to complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education related to controlled substance prescribing biennially to count toward the licensee's mandatory continuing education. The education must include instruction in the Department of Health's "Clinical Guidelines for Outpatient Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain" (hereinafter "the Department's treatment guidelines").¹ You may access the Department's treatment guidelines electronically by visiting: <http://health.state.tn.us/boards/PDFs/ChronicPainGuidelines%208%207%2014.pdf>.

By Board of Osteopathic Examination rule change, at least **two (2)** of the forty (40) required continuing education hours must be earned in a course designed specifically to address prescribing practices.² This rule change is an increase from the one (1) hour previously required per renewal period. This rule applies uniformly to all osteopathic physicians holding a Tennessee license who are renewing in 2016 or subsequent years.

¹ TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-1-402(a).

² TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0880-02-.19(1).