

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' TENNESSEE POLYSOMNOGRAPHY
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**AMENDED POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUIRED
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

A polysomnographic technologist in Tennessee is required to complete ten (10) hours of continuing education courses every calendar year (January 1 - December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. (See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-14-.09 regarding continuing education requirements.)

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

1. Polysomnographic technologists who are short up to five (5) hours of continuing education will be given a thirty (30) day grace period following a continuing education audit to make up to five (5) continuing education hours. Proof of completion of the continuing education hours within thirty (30) days will be counted towards compliance with the continuing education requirements. Failure to provide proof of completion of any continuing education hours within thirty (30) days will result in these hours being counted toward the deficient hours of continuing education. Polysomnographic technologists who are short more than five (5) hours of continuing education will not be given the thirty (30) day grace period.
2. A polysomnographic technologist found not in compliance with the continuing education requirements must pay a civil penalty in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each hour missed. Payment must be rendered within ninety (90) days of notification from the Committee that the polysomnographic technologist has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.
3. The polysomnographic technologist must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is deficient, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.
4. The polysomnographic technologist must complete an additional ten (10) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the polysomnographic technologist make up the continuing education hours for which he/she is deficient, and in addition to the continuing education hours' requirement for the current calendar year. The ten (10) hours must be made up within ninety (90) days of receipt of

this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Committee's request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Committee may also result in disciplinary action. The Committee has authorized the use of an agreed citation for such disciplinary purposes. An agreed citation is reportable on the Department of Health's website and its monthly disciplinary action report and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

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