Chapter Med 13

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIANS AND PODIATRISTS

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Med 13.01 Authority and purpose. The rules in this chapter are adopted by the medical examining board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5), 227.11, and 448.13, Stats., and govern the biennial training requirements for physicians and podiatrists as provided under s. 448.13, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, May, 1989, No. 401; **am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**

Med 13.02 Continuing medical education required; waiver. (1) Each physician or podiatrist required to complete the biennial training requirement provided under s. 448.13, Stats., shall, in each second year at the time of making application for a certificate of registration as required under s. 448.07, Stats., sign a statement on the application for registration certifying that the physician or podiatrist has completed at least 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical educational programs within the 2 calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year for which application for registration is made. The 30 hours of continuing medical education for podiatrists first applies to applications that are submitted to the department to renew a license to practice podiatry that expires on November 1, 1997.

(2) A physician or podiatrist may apply to the board for waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of prolonged illness or disability or other similar circumstances, and each such case will be considered individually on its merits by the board.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. (1), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; am. (1), February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; **am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**

Med 13.03 Acceptable continuing medical educational programs. The board shall accept the following in satisfaction of the biennial training requirement provided under s. 448.13, Stats.:

(1) (a) *Program approval.* Educational courses and programs approved in advance by the board may be used for credit, except that the board may approve for credit completed programs and courses conducted in other countries.

(b) *Physicians.* The board recognizes only those educational programs recognized as approved at the time of the physician's attendance by the council on medical education of the American medical association, or the American osteopathic association, or the accreditation council for continuing medical education or may recognize program providers outside the United States unless any of the foregoing have been previously disapproved by the board. The board will accept attendance at and completion of programs accredited as the American medical association's or the American osteopathic association's "Category I" or an equivalent as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education. One clock hour of attendance shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing medical education.

(c) *Podiatrists.* An educational program approved at the time of the podiatrist's attendance by the council on podiatric medical education of the American podiatric medical association may be used for continuing education credit. An educational program provided outside the United States may be used for continuing education credit if the program is approved by the board. One hour of attendance by a podiatrist at a continuing education program is the equivalent of one hour of continuing medical education for purposes of s. Med 13.02 (1).

(2) (a) The board shall accept for continuing medical education credit, voluntary, uncompensated services provided by physicians specializing in psychiatry in assisting the department of health and family services in the evaluation of community outpatient mental health programs, as defined in s. 51.01 (3n), Stats., and approved by the department of health and family services according to rules promulgated under s. 51.42 (7) (b), Stats. Four hours of assistance, including hours expended in necessary training by the department of health and family services, shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Physicians wishing to apply for continuing medical education credit under this subsection shall register in advance with the board and shall notify the board on forms provided by the board of the dates and the total number of hours in any biennium for which the applicant will be available to provide assistance. Referrals shall be made to the department of health and family services in the order received pursuant to requests for assistance received from that department by the medical examining board and by the psychology examining board.

Note: Forms are available upon request to the board office located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; renum. Med 13.03 to be 13.03 (1) and am., cr. (intro.), (2), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; **r. and recr. (1), Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**

Med 13.04 Physician postgraduate training program; length of service. The board will accept postgraduate training in a program approved by the board under the provisions of s. Med 1.02 (3), as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education for physicians. Three consecutive months of such postgraduate training shall be deemed to equal 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4–1–79; **am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**

Med 13.05 Evidence of compliance. (1) PHYSICIANS. The board will accept as evidence of compliance by physicians with the requirements of this chapter, as original documents or verified copies thereof, any or all or any combination of the following:

(a) Certification by either the providing institution or organization or the American medical association or the American osteopathic association, or components thereof, of attendance at and completion of continuing medical education programs approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.03 (1) (a).

(b) A "Physician's Recognition Award" of the American medical association or a certificate of continuing medical education from the American academy of family physicians awarded not more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the calendar year for which application for registration is being made.

(c) Certification by a chief of service or head of department or director of medical education of the providing facility of appointment to and satisfactory participation in a postgraduate training program approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.04.

(1m) PODIATRISTS. Certification by the providing institution or organization or the council on podiatric medical education of the American podiatric medical association of attendance at and completion of continuing medical education programs approved under s. Med 13.03 (1) (c) is satisfactory evidence for purposes of sub. (2) and s. Med 13.06.

(2) RETENTION REQUIREMENT. Evidence of compliance shall be retained by each physician or podiatrist through the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3–1–77; am. (1) (intro.) and r. and recr. (2), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; **am. (1) (intro.), (a) and (2), cr. (1m), Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**

Med 13.06 Audit. The board may require any physician or podiatrist to submit his or her evidence of compliance to the board during the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration to audit compliance.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3–1–81; **am. Register, May, 1997, No. 497, eff. 6–1–97.**