

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Colorado Medical Board

RULE 135 – RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, REACTIVATION, OR REINSTATEMENT

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[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

44.1 INTRODUCTION

- A. Basis: The general authority for promulgation of these rules and regulations by the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") is set forth in sections 12-20-204(1), 12-240-106(1)(a), and 12-30-114(1), C.R.S.
- B. These Rules are adopted by the Board pursuant to section 12-30-114, C.R.S., in order to require physicians and physician assistants to complete training to demonstrate competency in preventing substance abuse and/or to demonstrate competency in treating patients with substance use disorders.

44.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Every physician and physician assistant is required to complete at least two cumulative hours of training per renewal period in order to demonstrate competency regarding the topics/areas specified in section 12-30-114(1)(a), C.R.S.
- B. Training, for the purposes of this section includes, but is not limited to, relevant continuing education courses; self-study of relevant scholarly articles or relevant policies/guidelines; peer review proceedings that involve opioid prescribing; relevant volunteer service; attendance at a relevant conference (or portion of a conference); teaching a relevant class/course; or participation in a relevant presentation, such as with your practice. All such training must cover or be related to the topics specified in section 12-30-114(1)(a), C.R.S.
- C. The Board shall exempt a physician or physician assistant from the requirements of this section who qualifies for either exemption set forth in section 12-30-114(1)(b), C.R.S.
- D. This section shall apply to any application for reinstatement of an expired license pursuant to Rule 130 or reactivation of an inactive license.
- E. Applicants for license renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement shall attest during the application process to either their compliance with this substance abuse training requirement or their exemption from the requirement for training, as specified in section (C) of this Rule.
- F. The Board may audit compliance with this section. Physicians and physician assistants must submit documentation of their compliance with this substance abuse training requirement or basis for their exemption, upon request by the Board.

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