

## **Proposed Regulations**

### **Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic**

#### **18VAC85-20-235. Continued competency requirements for renewal of an active license.**

A. In order to renew an active license biennially on or after January 1, 2002, a practitioner shall complete the Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form ("Form") which is provided by the board and which shall indicate completion of at least 60 hours of continuing learning activities within the two years immediately preceding renewal as follows:

1. A minimum of 30 of the 60 hours shall be in Type 1 activities or courses offered by an accredited sponsor or organization sanctioned by the profession. At least 15 of the Type 1 hours shall be earned in face-to-face group activities or other interactive courses.

a. Type 1 hours in chiropractic shall be accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board.

b. Type 1 hours in podiatry shall be accredited by the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American Council of Certified Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons or any other organization approved by the board.

2. No more than 30 of the 60 hours may be Type 2 activities or courses, which may or may not be approved by an accredited sponsor or organization but which shall be chosen by the licensee

to address such areas as ethics, standards of care, patient safety, new medical technology, and patient communication.

B. A practitioner shall be exempt from the continuing competency requirements for the first biennial renewal following the date of initial licensure in Virginia.

C. The practitioner shall retain in his records the completed Form with all supporting documentation for a period of six years following the renewal of an active license.

D. The board shall periodically conduct a random audit of at least 1.0% to 2.0% of its active licensees to determine compliance. The practitioners selected for the audit shall provide the completed Form and all supporting documentation within 30 days of receiving notification of the audit.

E. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.

F. The board may grant an extension of the deadline for continuing competency requirements for up to one year for good cause shown upon a written request from the licensee prior to the renewal date.

G. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters.

H. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for a licensee who:

1. Is practicing solely in an uncompensated position, provided his practice is under the direction of a physician fully licensed by the board; or

2. Is practicing solely as a medical examiner, provided the licensee obtains six hours of medical examiner training per year provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.