

Policy Statement on Controlled Substance Continuing Education Requirement

Pursuant to T. C. A. § 63-1-402, on or after July 1, 2014, all prescribers who hold a current federal drug enforcement administration (DEA) license and who prescribe controlled substances shall be required to complete a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education related to controlled substance prescribing biennially to count toward the licensees' mandatory continuing education.

The continuing education must include instruction in the department's treatment guidelines on opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol, and may include such other topics as medicine addiction, risk management tools, and other topics as it pertains to dentistry.

The two (2) hours of continuing education required by this law will count for the two (2) hours of continuing education pertaining to chemical dependency as required by Rule 0460-01-.05.

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