

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 10 MEDICINE AND SURGERY PRACTITIONERS
PART 4 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

16.10.4.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners, hereafter called the board.
[16.10.4.1 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.1, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.2 SCOPE: This part applies to physicians licensed by the board.
[16.10.4.2 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.2, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This Part governs the practice of medicine in New Mexico and is promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Medical Practice Act, Section 61-6-21 NMSA 1978
[16.10.4.3 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.3, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.4 DURATION: Permanent
[16.10.4.4 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.4, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2002, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[16.10.4.5 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.5, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.6 OBJECTIVE: This Part establishes continuing education requirements for license renewal.
[16.10.4.6 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.6, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.7 DEFINITIONS:
 A. “AMA” means the American Medical Association.
 B. “CME” means continuing medical education.
[16.10.4.7 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.8 HOURS REQUIRED: Seventy-five hours of continuing medical education are required during each triennial renewal cycle. CME may be earned at any time during the licensing period, July 1 through June 30 immediately preceding the triennial renewal date.

A. Physicians renewing their license in 2002 may use CME hours obtained between January 1, 1999 and June 30, 2002.

B. Physicians renewing their license in 2003 may use CME hours obtained between January 1, 2000 and June 30, 2003.

C. Physicians renewing their license in 2004 may use CME hours obtained between January 1, 2001 and June 30, 2004.

D. After July 1, 2004, all CME must be obtained within the three-year renewal cycle or a deferral must be granted as defined in section 14 of this Part.

[16.10.4.8 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.8, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.9 CREDIT HOURS: The Board accepts one credit hour for every clock hour of participation in a CME activity.

[16.10.4.9 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.10 ACCEPTABLE AS CME: The Board will accept any of the following as fulfillment of CME requirements:

A. The Physician’s Recognition Award of the AMA,

B. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Certificate of Continuing Education, or

C. Certification or re-certification by an ABMS approved specialty board during the renewal period.

[16.10.4.10 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.11 ALLOWED COURSES AND PROVIDERS: The following courses and activities are acceptable for CME credit:

A. AMA CATEGORY 1. Clinical courses certified by an accredited sponsor of the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award, Category 1, are acceptable for credit.

B. NM CATEGORY 1. Clinical courses certified by the New Mexico Medical Society Continuing Medical Education Committee as meeting the criteria for AMA category 1, but certified as New Mexico category 1 specific, are acceptable for credit.

C. POST GRADUATE EDUCATION. Forty (40) credit hours per year are allowed for participation in a postgraduate education program, which has been approved by the Board or by the AMA Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education. This category includes internships, residencies and fellowships.

D. ADVANCED DEGREES. Forty (40) credit hours are allowed for each full academic year of study toward an advanced degree in a medical field or a medically related field as approved by the Board.

E. SELF ASSESSMENT TESTS. Self-assessment examinations certified for AMA Category 1 by an accredited sponsor of continuing medical education are acceptable if the examination is scored by an educational entity approved by the Board.

F. TEACHING. One credit hour is allowed for each hour of teaching medical students or physicians in a United States medical school, an approved internship or residency or for teaching in other programs approved by the Board for a maximum of forty (40) credit hours in any three-year reporting period.

G. PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS. A maximum of thirty (30) hours of credit during a three year reporting period is acceptable for licensed physicians who are acting as preceptors for students enrolled in an accredited medical school.

H. PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS. Ten (10) hours of credit are allowed for each original scientific medical paper or publication written by a licensee. For acceptance, papers must have been presented to a recognized national, international, regional or state society, or organization whose membership is primarily physicians; or must have been published in a recognized medical or medically related scientific journal. Material used in a paper or publication may be given credit one time. A maximum of thirty (30) hours credit may be claimed during each three-year reporting period.

I. CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION. Credit may be claimed during each three-year reporting period for successful completion of ACLS (advanced cardiac life support), PALS (pediatric advanced life support), ATLS (advanced trauma life support) and NALS (neonatal advanced life support) courses.

[16.10.4.11 NMAC – Rp 16 NMAC 10.4.8, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.12 LIMITATIONS: During each renewal cycle credit will be given for a maximum of twenty-five credit hours for CME that has been obtained using the Internet. Hours obtained online must be approved by the AMA or state equivalent.

[16.10.4.12 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.13 VERIFICATION OF CME: Each physician renewing a license shall attest that they have obtained the required hours of CME. The Board will select renewal applications for audit to verify completion of acceptable CME. The Board may audit CME records at any time. CME records must be maintained for one year following the renewal cycle in which they are earned.

[16.10.4.13 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.14 ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION OF CME INCLUDES:

A. Photocopies of original certificates or official letters from course sponsors or online providers.

B. Postgraduate CME hours must be documented and attested either by the dean of the medical school, the chief of service, the course director, or an equivalent authority.

C. Advanced degree studies must be documented and attested either by the dean of the medical school, the chief of service, the course director, or an equivalent authority.

D. Teaching hours must be documented and attested either by the dean of the medical school, the chief of service, the course director, or an equivalent authority.

E. Preceptor hours must be documented and attested either by the dean of the medical school, the chief of service, the course director, or an equivalent authority.

F. Papers or publications must be documented with a copy.

[16.10.4.14 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

16.10.4.15 EMERGENCY DEFERRAL: A physician unable to fulfill the CME requirements prior to the date of license expiration may apply to the Board for an emergency deferral of the requirements. A designee of the Board may grant deferrals of up to 90 days.

A. In case of illness or other documented circumstances, the Board may grant an additional extension of time in which the necessary credits may be earned. The request must be made in writing at the time of renewal and approved by the Board.

B. A licensee practicing or residing outside the United States shall not be required to fulfill the CME requirements for the period of the absence. The Board must be notified prior to license expiration that the licensee will be outside the US, including the period of the absence. Upon return to the US, the licensee shall complete the CME required for the years of practice within the US during the renewal cycle, or apply for an emergency deferral.
[16.10.4.15 NMAC – N, 4/18/02]

HISTORY OF 16.10.4 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this Part was derived from that previously filed with State Records and Archives under:

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