

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 17 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 4 RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**16.17.4.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department - NM Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

[16.17.4.1 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.2 SCOPE:** All Licensed Osteopathic Physicians.

[16.17.4.2 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules of practice and procedure govern the practice of osteopathic medicine in New Mexico and are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Osteopathic Physician Practice Act, Sections 61-10-1 through 61-10-23 NMSA 1978.

[16.17.4.3 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.4 DURATION:** Permanent.

[16.17.4.4 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 29, 2004, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[16.17.4.5 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.6 OBJECTIVE:** To establish renewal procedures and continuing education requirements for licensees to renew their license.

[16.17.4.6 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A.** "CME" means continuing medical education.
- B.** "AOA" means the American osteopathic association.
- C.** "AMA" means the American medical association.
- D.** "SPEX" means special purpose examination.

[16.17.4.7 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.8 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE:**

**A.** On or before July 1 of each year, all physicians must submit an application for renewal form provided by the board. Physicians who fail to renew their certificates as of July 1 will be subject to suspension of their license.

**B.** As a condition of annual renewal, physicians must submit proof of completion of continuing education.

**C.** Physicians must submit a renewal fee.

[16.17.4.8 NMAC - Rp, Rule 7, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.9 CME HOURS REQUIRED:** The New Mexico board of osteopathic medical examiners will require seventy-five (75) hours of continuing education every three years in required education, category I. These may be distributed over the three year period, or they may all be obtained in one year. The board accepts one (1) credit hour for every clock hour of participation in a CME activity.

[16.17.4.9 NMAC - Rp, Rule 11, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.10 ACCEPTABLE AS CME:**

- A.** The board will also accept active membership in the American osteopathic association.
- B.** Certification or re-certification by a specialty board during the three year cycle.
- C.** Passage of the SPEX with a score of seventy-five (75), during the three year cycle.

[16.17.4.10 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.11 CME ALLOWED COURSES AND PROVIDERS:**

**A. AOA or AMA and NM CATEGORY 1.** Clinical courses approved for AOA or AMA category 1-A, 1-B are approved for New Mexico category 1. Clinical courses certified by the New Mexico osteopathic association and the New Mexico medical society continuing education committee as meeting the criteria for AOA/AMA category 1, but certified as New Mexico category 1 specific, are acceptable for credit.

**B. POST GRADUATE EDUCATION.** Internship, residency or fellowship: forty (40) credit hours per year during service in post graduate educational programs approved by AOA or AMA.

**C. ADVANCED DEGREES.** Education for an advanced degree in a medical field or medically related field: 40 credit hours are allowed for each full academic year of study.

**D. SELF ASSESSMENT TESTS.** Self assessment tests given by medical associations and other educational institutions approved by the board will be accepted for credit if the test is scored by an institution approved by the board. A total of not more than thirty-five (35) hours will be granted for self assessment tests completed during a three year period.

**E. TEACHING.** One (1) credit hour is allowed for each clock hour of teaching of medical students or physicians in an approved medical school or approved internship or residency program or in institutions or programs approved by the board.

**F. PHYSICIAN PRECEPTOR.** Physicians, approved by an accredited medical school to act as preceptors for students, will be granted a maximum of thirty (30) hours credit during a three year period.

**G. PAPERS OR PUBLICATIONS.** Ten (10) hours may be claimed for each scientific paper or publication. A paper must be presented to a recognized international, national, regional or state medical society or other organization whose membership is primarily composed of physicians. A publication must appear in a regularly recognized medical or medically related scientific journal. Scientific material used in the paper or publication may be credited only once. No more than thirty (30) hours may be claimed in a three year period.

**H. 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.  
[16.17.4.11 NMAC - Rp, Rule 11, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.12 VERIFICATION OF CME:** Each physician renewing a license shall attest that they have obtained the required hours of CME on the renewal form. The board will select renewal applications for audit to verify completion of acceptable CME. Audit requests will be included with the renewal notice and those selected physicians will be asked to submit proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements. 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.

[16.17.4.12 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

**16.17.4.13 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 ninety (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.  
[16.17.4.13 NMAC - N, 10-29-2004]

#### **HISTORY OF 16.17.4 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the state records center and archives:

BOSE 69-1, Practice Guide for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in New Mexico, filed 06-05-69;

BOSE 72-1, Regulations for Continuing Medical Education of the New Mexico State Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration, filed 06-27-72;

Rule 7, Annual Renewal of Certificate, filed 12-07-88;

Rule 11, Continuing Medical Education, filed 09-22-89.

**History of Repealed Material:** Rule 7, Annual Renewal of Certificate (filed 12-07-88) and Rule 11, Continuing Medical Education (filed 09-22-89) were both repealed 10-29-2004.

**Other History:**

Rule 7, Annual Renewal of Certificate (filed 12-07-88) and Rule 11, Continuing Medical Education (filed 09-22-89) replaced by 16.17.4NMAC, Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements, effective 10-29-2004.