

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

POLICY STATEMENT FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUIRED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Board of Medical Examiners adopted the following policy on January 26, 2010:

A medical doctor licensed in Tennessee is required to complete forty (40) hours of continuing medical education courses during two (2) calendar years (January 1 – December 31) that precede the licensure renewal year. (See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-2-.19 regarding continuing education requirements.)

Should the medical doctor fail to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year, the following shall occur:

- 1. The medical doctor must pay a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) for each hour of Category I missed. Payment must be rendered within sixty days of notification from the Board that the medical doctor has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.**
- 2. The medical doctor must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**
- 3. The medical doctor must complete an additional ten (10) continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the medical doctor make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours' requirement for the current calendar year. The ten (10) hours must be made up within two years of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Board request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Board may also result in disciplinary action. The Board has authorized the use of an agreed citation for such disciplinary purposes. An agreed citation is reportable on the Department of Health's website and its monthly disciplinary action report.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this the 26th day of January 2010.

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Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners