

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.253; §2, NRS 630.130, 630.253 and 630.275.

A REGULATION relating to continuing medical education; revising provisions relating to credits received by holders of a license to practice medicine and physician assistants for continuing medical education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Medical Examiners to establish by regulation the standards for licensure for physicians, physician assistants and related professions. (NRS 630.130) Existing law also requires the Board to: (1) require, as a prerequisite to renewal, the holders of licenses to practice medicine and to practice as a physician assistant to comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board; and (2) encourage the holders of such licenses who treat and care for persons who are more than 60 years of age to receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in geriatrics and gerontology. (NRS 630.253) In Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 of the 78th Legislative Session, the Legislature encouraged the Board to incentivize and promote the awareness and education of health care providers concerning caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia by approving or requiring continuing education programs relating to that topic. (File No. 34, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 4064)

Existing regulations authorize a holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant to receive double the hours of credit, up to a maximum of 8 hours of credit, toward the continuing medical education required for a biennial licensing period if the holder of the license attends a continuing education class on geriatrics and gerontology. (NAC 630.155, 630.357) This regulation similarly authorizes a holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant to receive such an increased amount of credit for attending courses on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Section 1. NAC 630.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in *this* subsection, ~~{2,}~~ if a holder of a license to practice medicine takes a continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology, the holder *of the license* is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to NAC 630.153 equal to twice the number of hours the holder of the license actually spends in ~~{a}~~ *the* continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

~~{2,}~~ During any biennial licensing period, a holder of a license to practice medicine may receive a maximum credit pursuant to *this* subsection ~~{4}~~ of 8 hours of continuing medical education for 4 hours of time spent in a continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

~~{3. As used in this section, “continuing education class on geriatrics and gerontology” means a class that meets the requirements of:~~

~~—(a) For a class of continuing medical education, NAC 630.153; and~~

~~—(b) For a continuing education class on geriatrics and gerontology, NRS 630.253.]~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a holder of a license to practice medicine takes a continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia, the holder of the license is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to NAC 630.153 equal to twice the number of hours the holder of the license actually spends in the continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. During any biennial licensing period, a holder of a license to practice medicine may receive a maximum credit pursuant to this subsection of 8 hours of continuing medical education for 4 hours of time spent in a

continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

3. A holder of a license to practice medicine who attends a continuing education course that qualifies for credit pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 is only entitled to receive credit for that continuing education course pursuant to subsection 1 or 2.

Sec. 2. NAC 630.357 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.357 1. Except as otherwise provided in *this* subsection, ~~{2,}~~ if a physician assistant takes a continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology, the physician assistant is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to NAC 630.350 equal to twice the number of hours the physician assistant actually spends in a continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

~~{2,}~~ During any biennial licensing period, a physician assistant may receive a maximum credit pursuant to *this* subsection ~~{1}~~ of 8 hours of continuing medical education for 4 hours of time spent in a continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

~~{3. As used in this section, "continuing education class on geriatrics and gerontology" means a class that meets the requirements of:~~

~~—(a) For a class of continuing medical education, NAC 630.350; and~~

~~—(b) For a continuing education class on geriatrics and gerontology, NRS 630.253.~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a physician assistant takes a continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, the physician assistant is entitled to receive credit towards the continuing medical education required pursuant to NAC 630.350 equal to twice the number of hours the physician assistant actually spends in a continuing education

course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. During any biennial licensing period, a physician assistant may receive a maximum credit pursuant to this subsection of 8 hours of continuing medical education for 4 hours of time spent in a continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

3. A physician assistant who attends a continuing education course that qualifies for credit pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 is only entitled to receive credit for that continuing education course pursuant to subsection 1 or 2.