

**REVISED 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 expands the scope of the courses a holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant may attend to receive that increased amount of credit to include courses on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. This regulation also provides that a holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant may not receive additional hours of credit for a particular continuing education course pursuant to both the provision authorizing additional credit for continuing education courses on geriatrics and gerontology and the provision authorizing additional credit for continuing education courses on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. For

example, the holder of such a license would only receive a total credit of 4 hours of continuing medical education for attending a single 2-hour continuing education course that qualifies for additional credit pursuant to both of those provisions.

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

630.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2,~~ *subsections 3 and 4*, 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 ~~the~~ *the* continuing education ~~class~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, 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.*

3. During any biennial licensing period, a holder of a license to practice medicine may receive a maximum credit pursuant to ~~subsection 1~~ *this section* of 8 hours of continuing medical education for 4 hours of time spent in a continuing education ~~class 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, course~~
described in subsection 1 or 2, or both.

4. A holder of a license to practice medicine is only entitled to receive the additional credit for a continuing education course pursuant to either subsection 1 or 2, but not both.

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

630.357 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~{subsection 2,}~~ *subsections 3 and 4*, 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} the~~ continuing education ~~{class}~~ *course* on geriatrics and gerontology.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, 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 the continuing education course on the recent developments, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

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

4. A physician assistant is only entitled to receive the additional credit for a continuing education course pursuant to either subsection 1 or 2, but not both.