

**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 a license to practice as a physician assistant 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 professionals. (NRS 630.130) Existing law requires the Board, as a prerequisite for biennial registration or renewal of a license, as applicable, to require the holders of a license to practice medicine and to practice as a physician assistant, respectively, to comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board. Existing law also requires the Board to encourage the holders of such licenses to receive continuing education related to training and education in the diagnosis of rare diseases, including recognizing the symptoms of pediatric cancer and interpreting the family history of a patient to determine whether such symptoms indicate a normal childhood illness or a condition that requires additional examination. (NRS 630.253)

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, towards the continuing medical education required for a biennial licensing period if the holder of the license attends continuing education courses on geriatrics and gerontology or Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. (NAC 630.155, 630.357) This regulation expands the scope of the courses the holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant may attend to receive double the hours of credit to include courses on the diagnosis of rare diseases.

Existing regulations also prohibit a holder of a license to practice medicine or to practice as a physician assistant from receiving 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 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

education for attending a single 2 hour continuing education course that qualifies for additional credit pursuant to both of these provisions. (NAC 630.155, 630.357) This regulation imposes the same limitation on holders of such licenses who attend a continuing education course on the diagnosis of rare diseases which also qualifies for additional credit pursuant to one or both of the provisions concerning geriatrics and gerontology or Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, meaning that the holder of such a license may only receive the additional credit pursuant to one of the provisions even if the course also qualifies for additional credit pursuant to any combination of the provisions.

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

630.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~3 and~~ 4 ~~4~~ and 5, if a holder of a license to practice medicine takes a continuing education 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 continuing education course on geriatrics and gerontology.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~3 and~~ 4 ~~4~~ and 5, 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. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, if a holder of a license to practice medicine takes a continuing education course on the diagnosis of rare diseases, 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 diagnosis of rare diseases.*

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

5. 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~~ ~~or 3,~~ but not ~~both.~~
any combination thereof.

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

630.357 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~3 and~~ 4 ~~and~~ 5, if a physician assistant takes a continuing education 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 the continuing education course on geriatrics and gerontology.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~3 and~~ 4 ~~and~~ 5, 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. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, if a physician assistant takes a continuing education course on the diagnosis of rare diseases, 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 diagnosis of rare diseases.

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

5. A physician assistant is only entitled to receive the additional credit for a continuing education course pursuant to either subsection 1 , ~~or~~ 2 ~~or~~ 3, but not ~~both~~ *any combination thereof.*