

## **Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians**

### **Section 6.0 Continuing Education**

6.1 Every physician licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in Rhode Island under the provision of the Act and the regulations herein, shall on or before the first day of June of every even-numbered year after 2004, on a biennial basis, earn a minimum of forty (40) hours of AMA Category 1 /AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits and shall document this to the board of medical licensure and discipline.

6.2 The application shall include evidence satisfactory to the Board of completion a prescribed program of continuing medical education established by the appropriate medical or osteopathic society, and approved by the board.

6.2.1. Said continuing medical education shall include a minimum of two (2) hours from a list of topics related to current public health needs, which list shall be developed by the Director in consultation with and as approved by the appropriate medical or osteopathic society. The list shall be available to physicians as of 1 July of each even-numbered year. See link for current list of topics.<http://www.health.ri.gov/for/physicians/#continuingeducation>

6.3 The Board, may extend for only one (1)six(6)month period such educational requirements pursuant to the provisions of section 5-37-2.1 of the General Laws.

6.4 It shall be the sole responsibility of the individual physician to obtain documentation from the approved sponsoring or co-sponsoring organizations, agencies or other, of his or her participation in a learning experience and the number of dated credits earned.

6.4.1. Those documents must be safeguarded, for a period of three (3) years, by the physician for review by the Board if required. Only a summary list of those documents, not the documents themselves, shall be submitted with the application for renewal of the certification.

6.5 Licensure renewal shall be denied to any applicant who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of continuing medical education as required herein.

A complete copy of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Chapter 5-37, is available at the RI General Assembly website.[rilin.state.ri.us](http://rilin.state.ri.us)