Effective October 16, 2019, Ohio’s continuing medical education (CME) requirements for physicians and physician assistants will change. The following information is offered to assist licensees in preparing to meet the new requirements.

- Physicians with **October 1, 2019 renewal dates** will renew under current law. Those physicians are responsible for having completed 100 hours of CME, at least 40 of which must be category 1.
- Physicians with **January 1, 2020 renewal dates** are strongly encouraged to complete at least 50 hours of category 1 CME. However, we understand that circumstances may prevent a physician from doing so, and we would apply the old law requiring 100 hours of CME, at least 40 of which must be category 1.
- Physicians with renewal dates of **April 1, 2020 and beyond** are expected to complete 50 hours of Category 1 CME.
- Category 2 CME is not being “eliminated”. However, completion of category 2 CME will not count towards meeting the CME requirements for renewal.
- The CME requirements of the various **ABMS and AOA Certifying Boards** are separate from Ohio’s requirements. The change to Ohio law does not impact any requirements a physician must meet to maintain board certification.
- **Physician assistants** are now responsible for completing the CME that is required to maintain NCCPA certification. PAs who hold prescriptive authority must continue to obtain 12 hours of CME in pharmacology every two years. PAs are subject to audit and they should be prepared provide evidence that the required CME was completed.