Ohio’s law regarding continuing education for physicians will change in October.

Starting October 16, 2019, Ohio MDs, DOs, and DPMs will need to complete a total of 50 hours Category 1 CME every two years to be eligible for license renewal in Ohio. Previously, physicians were required to complete a total of 100 hours, of which 40 needed to be Category 1.

Additionally, the amount of continuing education hours a physician may earn providing health care services as a volunteer will be reduced to three hours.

Once the statute has taken effect, Ohio Revised Code 4731.282 (50-hour CME requirement) and 4745.04 (volunteer CE credits) will be updated. Information on laws and rules for licensees is also available in the LAWS & RULES section on med.ohio.gov.
As an Ohio training program, we want to inform you that Ohio’s law regarding the physician training certificate renewal process will change in October.

Starting October 16, 2019, training certificate holders that do not renew before expiration may submit an application for late renewal within 30 days after the certificate’s expiration date. The late renewal application will require an increased "reinstatement" fee of $150 instead of the standard, on-time $100 renewal fee. Notwithstanding this change, continued practice after the date of expiration of a training certificate shall be considered as practicing without a license, in violation of Ohio law.

Once the statute has taken effect, section 4731.291 of the Ohio Revised Code will be updated. Information on laws and rules for licensees is also available in the LAWS & RULES section on med.ohio.gov.
Ohio’s law regarding physician assistants will change in October.

Starting October 16, 2019, the physician assistant continuing education (CE) requirements for Ohio will mirror the CE requirements by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants for certification. Previously, a physician assistant needed to complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuing education every two years. Physician assistants who hold prescriptive authority will still need to complete at least twelve hours of continuing education in pharmacology.

Changes in the law now requires both a supervising physician and a physician assistant to retain a copy of their supervision agreement in their records. The law also permits the board to assess a civil penalty upon a finding that a supervision agreement has not been retained as required.

Once the statute has taken effect, Ohio Revised Code 4730.14 (CE requirements) and 4730.19 (supervision agreements) will be updated. Information on laws and rules for licensees is also available in the LAWS & RULES section on med.ohio.gov.
On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, all Ohio telemedicine licenses will be converted to standard MD or DO licenses.

Ohio’s law regarding telemedicine certificates will be repealed, eliminating the need for a separate certificate. Previously, telemedicine certificates authorized physicians located outside of Ohio to practice medicine in Ohio using any communication.

As mandated by the change in Ohio law, the State Medical Board of Ohio will convert all existing telemedicine certificates to active licenses to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. All active telemedicine certificate holders, upon conversion to holders of a full MD or DO license, will be required to meet Ohio’s continuing education requirements in order to renew their license (50 hours of Category 1 CME every two years). Physicians wishing to provide health care via telemedicine to individuals located in Ohio may do so under their full Ohio license.

Once the statute has taken effect, Ohio Revised Code 4731.296 (telemedicine certificates) will be repealed. Information on laws and rules for licensees is also available in the LAWS & RULES section on med.ohio.gov.
Ohio’s law regarding continuing medical education for clinical research faculty certificate holders will change in October.

Starting October 16, 2019, holders of clinical research faculty certificates will need to complete 75 hours Category 1 CME every three years to renew their certificates. Previously, there was a requirement for 150 hours.

Once the statute has taken effect, Ohio Revised Code 4731.293 will be updated. Information on laws and rules for licensees is also available in the LAWS & RULES section on med.ohio.gov.