



The Florida Academy of **PAIN MEDICINE**

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Subject: Pain Management Clinic Training Requirements

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Dear Specialty Society Presidents and Executives,

This past weekend the Florida Board of Medicine Rules and Legislative Committee met in Jacksonville. The committee discussed Rule 64B8-90131 (2)(n) Training Requirements for Physicians Practicing in Pain Management Clinics.

Ed Tellechea, Board counsel, reminded the Committee how the drafting of this rule was developed. He explained that HB 7095 incorporated most of the Board's pain-management clinic rules into law except for the training requirements. He advised this rule meets current law, the Board has statutory authorization, and the Osteopathic Medicine version is identical. Mr. Tellechea further advised the Committee did not have to change the Rule and the Rule did not have to mirror the law. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend leaving the rule as written.

Below you will find the approved language. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,
Holly Miller

64B8-9.0131 (2)(n)

(n) Training Requirements.

Effective July 1, 2012, physicians who have not met the qualifications set forth in subsections 1. through 6., below, shall have successfully completed a pain medicine fellowship that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or a pain medicine residency that is accredited by ACGME. Prior to July 1, 2012, physicians prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications in pain management clinics registered pursuant to Section 458.3265, Florida Statutes, must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Board certification by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and holds a sub-specialty certification in pain medicine;
2. Board certification in pain medicine by the American Board of Pain Medicine (ABPM);
3. Successful completion of a pain medicine fellowship that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or a pain medicine residency that is accredited by the ACGME;

4. Successful completion of a residency program in physical medicine and rehabilitation, anesthesiology, neurology, neurosurgery, or psychiatry approved by the ACGME;

5. Current staff privileges at a Florida-licensed hospital to practice pain medicine or perform pain medicine procedures;

6. Three (3) years of documented full-time practice, which is defined as an average of 20 hours per week each year, in pain-management and within six months of the effective date of this rule, attendance and successful completion of 40 hours of in-person, live-participatory AMA Category I CME courses in pain management that address all the following subject areas:

a. The goals of treating both short term and ongoing pain treatment;

b. Controlled substance prescribing rules, including controlled substances agreements;

c. Drug screening or testing, including usefulness and limitations;

d. The use of controlled substances in treating short-term and ongoing pain syndromes, including usefulness and limitations;

e. Evidenced-based non-controlled pharmacological pain treatments;

f. Evidenced-based non-pharmacological pain treatments;

g. A complete pain medicine history and a physical examination;¹²

h. Appropriate progress note keeping;

i. Comorbidities with pain disorders, including psychiatric and addictive disorders;

j. Drug abuse and diversion, and prevention of same;

k. Risk management; and

l. Medical ethics.

In addition to the CME set forth in paragraph 6. above, physicians must be able to document hospital privileges at a Florida-licensed hospital; practice under the direct supervision of a physician who is qualified in subsection 1. through 4. above; or have the practice reviewed by a Florida-licensed risk manager and document compliance with all recommendations of the risk management review.

7. Upon completion of the 40 hours of CME set forth above, physicians qualifying under 6. above, must also document the completion of 15 hours of live lecture format, Category I CME in pain management for every year the physician is practicing pain management.



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