

WSR 24-24-038

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Continuing education (CE) requirements for osteopathic physicians. The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery (board) has adopted amendments to WAC 246-853-080 to update the CE requirements for licensure renewal of osteopathic physicians to clarify Washington-specific mandated CE requirements.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-853-080.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.57.005, 18.130.050, 18.130.250, 18.340.020, and 43.70.613.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-15-138 on July 23, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: September 13, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-09-025, filed 4/6/20, effective 5/7/20)

WAC 246-853-080 Continuing education. (1) Licensed osteopathic physicians and surgeons must complete (~~(one hundred fifty)~~) 150 hours of creditable continuing medical education (CME) every three years in accordance with chapter 246-12 WAC (~~(, Part 7)~~).

(2) To satisfy the CME requirements in subsection (1) of this section, a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon may:

(a) Certify or recertify with the American Board of Osteopathic Medical Specialties (ABOMS) or the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) within the last six years;

(b) Hold a current American Osteopathic Association (AOA) certificate of excellence in CME; or

(c) Hold a current American Medical Association (AMA) physician's recognition award (PRA).

(3) In addition to subsection (2) of this section, the licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon must complete any Washington state-specific mandated continuing education requirements.