

RESOLUTION

Subject: Ensuring Robust Standards for Additional CME Requirements

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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, continuing medical education (CME) plays a critical role in ensuring that physicians remain current with medical advancements, enhance clinical skills, and maintain the highest standards of patient care; and

WHEREAS, the healthcare landscape is constantly evolving due to new research, practices, and technologies, necessitating ongoing adaptation by healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, state medical boards, such as the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, have established specific CME requirements for license renewal and maintenance of certification; and

WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) sets standards for accredited CME, focusing on content validity, preventing commercial bias, and identifying and mitigating relevant financial relationships; and

WHEREAS, the current CME landscape includes various requirements from federal entities, states, and medical specialty boards, which can be complex and sometimes overlapping, particularly for physicians practicing in multiple states; and

WHEREAS, any proposed additions to CME requirements should be carefully considered to ensure they are evidence-based, address identified practice gaps, and do not create undue burden on physicians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA advocate for the following principles to guide the addition of new continuing medical education (CME) requirements:

1. Needs-Based Justification: Any proposed new CME requirement should be clearly justified by a demonstrated need, such as a significant knowledge gap, a critical patient safety issue, or a new medical innovation, supported by evidence and data, rather than popular opinion.
2. Alignment with Existing Standards: New requirements should align with established accreditation standards, such as those set by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), to ensure the quality and integrity of CME activities.

3. **Physician Input and Feasibility:** Healthcare professionals should be actively involved in the development and review of new CME requirements to ensure their relevance, practicality, and feasibility within the context of clinical practice.
4. **Emphasis on Outcomes:** New CME requirements should prioritize demonstrable improvements in physician competence, performance, or patient health outcomes, moving beyond simply tracking hours or attendance.
5. **Minimizing Administrative Burden:** The addition of new requirements should consider their impact on physicians' time and workload, exploring ways to streamline processes and utilize technology to minimize administrative burden; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA encourages ongoing collaboration among state medical boards, medical specialty boards, and accrediting bodies to streamline and standardize continuing medical education (CME) requirements where appropriate, ultimately enhancing physician education and patient care outcomes.