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*This message includes corrected contact information for the*

*Minnesota Department of Human Service's Opioid Prescribing Improvement Program*

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The Minnesota legislature passed a law during the 2019 session that requires licensees with the authority to prescribe controlled substances to obtain at least two (2) hours of continuing education credit on best practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances. *Minnesota Statute § 214.12, subd. 6* <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214.12>

The continuing education credits must include content on:

1. Best practices in prescribing opioids, and
2. Non-pharmacological and implantable device alternatives for treatment of pain and ongoing pain management.

Licensees are required to report completion of these two continuing education credits between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022. Documentation of course completion must be submitted to the Board of Medical Practice. Verification of course completion and verification of course content may be submitted via e-mail to: [MNBMPOpioidCE@state.mn.us](mailto:MNBMPOpioidCE@state.mn.us) or by mail to: Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, ATTN: Opioid CE, 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 500, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Licensees are exempt from this requirement if they are participating in the Minnesota Department of Human Service's Opioid Prescribing Improvement Program ("OPIP"). For questions about participation in OPIP, please contact the Department of Human Services at: [dhs@opioid.state.mn.us](mailto:dhs@opioid.state.mn.us).