

## Completing the Continuing Education Requirement on Opioids and Non- Pharmacological Pain Management

### Enacting Law

Minnesota Statutes 214.12 subd. 6 provides that beginning January 1, 2020, all dentist licensees who have authority to prescribe controlled substances must obtain two (2) hours of continuing education on best practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances. Licensees are required to complete the continuing education at least once during their renewal process anytime between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2023.

### Courses

The Board of Dentistry will have a NO-COST, online course that licensees can take to satisfy the requirement. The course will be available on our website by January 31, 2020. Note: other continuing education courses may also meet the requirement.

The continuing education must include content on:

1. best practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances;
2. non-pharmacological treatment of pain and ongoing pain; and
3. implantable device alternatives for treatment of pain and ongoing pain management.

### Exemptions

1. You **do not** hold DEA registration, or
2. You participate in the Department of Human Services Opioid Prescribing Improvement Program (OPIP). You are considered a participant if you have prescribed opioids for outpatient pain management to a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) member in the current or the last calendar year **AND received an opioid prescriber report from DHS in the last calendar year.**

### Compliance

- You will be required to verify compliance with the required education by responding to questions on the survey for course completion (if you take the Board's online course OR you can email your verification of attendance to [opioid.dentalboard@state.mn.us](mailto:opioid.dentalboard@state.mn.us) if you take another course). You need to include your name and license number.

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