



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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BULLETIN 16-01

TO: Hospital CEOs and Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Directors
RE: Requirement for CME Credits in Interventional Cardiology
DATE: January 29, 2016

Commission staff has received questions regarding the deadline for compliance with the requirement in COMAR 10.24.17.07C(6)(g) and .07D(7)(g) that an interventionalist performing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures in a Maryland hospital complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing medical education (CME) credit in the area of interventional cardiology during every two years of practice. This CME standard has been established for Certificate of Ongoing Performance reviews for PCI programs.

In order to minimize the administrative burden on hospitals and physicians, MHCC will follow the schedule for each interventionalist's licensure renewal in assessing compliance with this standard. Physicians who are required to renew their licenses by September 30, 2016 should have 30 CME credits in interventional cardiology before their deadline for licensure renewal, and similarly, physicians who are required to renew their licenses by September 30, 2017 should meet the CME credit requirement before their deadline for licensure renewal. These specific deadlines are also applicable for interventionalists added to a hospital's roster at any time between August 18, 2014 and September 30, 2017.

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