

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants
Policy Statement**

The Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants adopted the following policy on January 7, 2005:

A physician assistant licensed in Tennessee, must within a two (2) year period prior to the application for license renewal, complete the required continuing medical education hours satisfactory to the Committee. (See Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0880-3-.12 and 0880-10-.12 regarding continuing education requirements.)

Should the physician assistant fail to obtain the continuing education hours for a calendar year, the following shall occur:

1. The physician assistant must pay a civil penalty in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each hour of Category 1 missed. Payment must be rendered within sixty (60) days of notification from the Committee that the physician assistant has been found to have failed to obtain the required continuing education hours.

2. The physician assistant must make up the amount of continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, in addition to completing the continuing education hours requirement for the current calendar year. The deficient hours must be made up within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of the deficient hours obtained must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.

3. The physician assistant must complete an additional ten (10) Category 1 continuing education hours. This requirement is in addition to the requirement that the physician assistant make up the continuing education hours that he/she is lacking, and in addition to the continuing education hours' requirement for the current calendar year. The ten (10) hours must be made up within two years (2) years of receipt of this policy. Documented proof of completion of the deficient hours must be submitted to the Committee upon completion.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to the Committee request for documentation or to make up deficient continuing education hours after notification by the Committee may also result in disciplinary action.

MA/G4025011/PA