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State & Federal Watch

Changes to CME Requirements in NC Effective August 1

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012, new rules took effect regarding the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for North Carolina Medical Board (NCMB) licensees. These NCMB rules reduce the number of CME hours required from 150 every three years to 60. This change will bring NCMB standards more in line with other states by completely eliminating Category II, or physician-initiated, CME. In addition, the rules also give providers credit for board certification activities.

Check out the updated rules here:

<http://www.ncmedsoc.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/proposed-CME-rules.pdf>.



Gimme The \$\$\$

This month, we had a couple of clients ask about Shared Billing Services in the hospital setting. While Physician Assistants (PAs) may not bill "incident to" in a hospital, they may bill under the physician they are working with, and collect 100% reimbursement if the shared billing criteria are met.

Helping those clients inspired us to guest blog for CompHealth on this topic -

Check out our guest post here:

<http://www.comphealth.com/blog/post/150/Shared-services-billing-for-PAs---do-you-do-it>



Solve the Clinical Puzzle

Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Balance Among US Physicians Relative to the General US Population

Despite extensive data about physician burnout, no national study has previously evaluated rates of burnout among US physicians, explored differences by specialty, or compared physicians with US workers in other fields.

Significant findings concluded that compared with high school graduates, individuals with an MD or DO degree were at increased risk for burnout, whereas individuals with a bachelor's degree, master's degree or professional or doctoral degree other than an MD or DO degree were at lower risk for burnout.

Reference:

<http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1351351>

Your 2 cents

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MEDIA - We're in the news again!

We got more great press in Mississippi:

Mississippi - Vital Signs on Mississippi Medical News
<http://mississippimedicalnews.com/vital-signs-cms-1665>

AND Our blog on Finding and Keeping a Great PA/NP went Nationwide on Health e Careers Network!
<http://www.healthcareers.com/article/the-art-of-attraction-find-and-keep-a-great-pa-np/170813?type=email&source=recruiter-081512>

Kind regards,

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Lisa Shock is a Duke University Physician Assistant graduate and has greater than 10 years of clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings. In addition to previously owning and running a rural primary care clinic, she is the current president and CEO of Utilization Solutions in Healthcare, a company she created in response to the many questions she has received over the years about Physician Assistant utilization. Lisa is a past president of the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants. She also contributed to the Physician Assistant profession by serving on the PA Advisory Council of the North Carolina Medical Board as well as the Quality Improvement and Health Information Technology Committee of the North Carolina Medical Society, and she remains a state PA expert in reimbursement and legislative issues. She enjoys part time clinical primary care practice and enjoys teaching geriatric medicine and long term care as a Duke PA Program faculty member.

Lisa was recently interviewed on BlogTalkRadio - [listen here!](#)

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