

1 AN ACT relating to physician continuing medical education.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 311.601 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The board may ~~promulgate~~~~[adopt]~~ reasonable ~~administrative~~~~[rules and]~~ regulations
5 to effectuate and implement~~[the provisions of]~~ KRS 311.550 to 311.620, including
6 but not limited to ~~administrative~~ regulations designed to ensure the continuing
7 professional competency of present and future licensees. As an adjunct to the power
8 conferred upon the board by this section, the board may require licensees to submit
9 to interrogation as to the nature and extent of their postgraduate medical education
10 and to require licensees found to be deficient in their efforts to keep abreast of new
11 methods and technology, to obtain additional instruction and training therein.

12 (2) As part of the continuing medical education which the board adopts to ensure
13 continuing professional competency of present and future licensees, the board shall
14 ensure that:

15 (a) Current practicing pediatricians, including those certified in medicine and
16 pediatrics, radiologists, family practitioners, and those physicians practicing
17 in an emergency medicine or urgent care setting, demonstrate completion of a
18 one (1) time course of at least one (1) hour of continuing medical education
19 approved by the board and covering the recognition and prevention of
20 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, prior to December
21 31, 2017;~~[and]~~

22 (b) Future practicing pediatricians, including those certified in medicine and
23 pediatrics, radiologists, family practitioners, and those physicians who will
24 practice in an emergency medicine or urgent care setting, demonstrate
25 completion of a one (1) time course of at least one (1) hour of continuing
26 medical education, or its equivalent, approved by the board and covering the
27 recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in

1 KRS 620.020, within five (5) years of licensure. Future practicing
2 pediatricians, including those certified in medicine and pediatrics,
3 radiologists, family practitioners, and those physicians who will practice in an
4 emergency medicine or urgent care setting may apply pediatric abusive head
5 trauma curriculum taught in their medical school education to count towards
6 the required one (1) hour of continuing medical education; and

7 (c) Current practicing physicians demonstrate completion of at least three (3)
8 hours of continuing medical education every three (3) years that is approved
9 by the board and covers the recognition and treatment of mental health
10 issues, including but not limited to emotional, psychological, and social
11 well-being issues and mental health disorders.