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**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS'
STATEMENT ON CME HOURS ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

South Carolina Code § 40-47-40(2)(a), regarding continuing education required for renewal, states that at least two (2) hours of the forty-hour requirement should be related to approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV. The Board recognizes that not all practitioners maintain a DEA license and therefore do not prescribe controlled substances. Additionally, the Board recognizes that some specialties within the practice of medicine do not prescribe controlled substances.

In an effort to make more meaningful the continuing education of controlled substances of those practitioners who do not prescribe controlled substances, the Board will accept accredited education and training on controlled substances, their use, either generally or specialty specific, their abuse, diversion, and addictive properties and the treatment of same, to satisfy and fulfill the mandatory controlled substances CME requirement.

Practitioners who prescribe controlled substances must still continue to take continuing education related to prescribing and monitoring controlled substances.

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