

## ATTN: DC AND MD PHYSICIAN LICENSEES

### **END OF MONTH DEADLINE FOR SOME MD PHYSICIANS; END OF YEAR DEADLINE FOR ALL DC PHYSICIANS**

#### **CME Resources for DC and MD License Renewal**

Licensure is one of the primary areas of concern among MSDC members, many of whom are licensed not only in the District of Columbia but also in Maryland. The DC Department of Health - DC Health Regulation and Licensing Administration/ DC Board of Medicine (DC HRLA/BOM) just sent out a physician renewal notice, [available here](#), to District licensees announcing that the license renewal cycle will open in October 2016. Please look out for the letter which was sent to the address on file with the DC HRLA/BOM. Maryland physician licensees in the current renewal cycle are encouraged to submit their renewal applications promptly as [their licenses will expire on September 30, 2016](#).

Given that both jurisdictions have their own renewal timeline, process and CME requirements, the Medical Society has prepared a licensure overview and information on exclusive MSDC member CME opportunities (made available by ProAssurance).

#### **Who is affected by the current renewal cycle?**

**DC** The current District of Columbia renewal cycle applies to **ALL physicians** licensed in the District of Columbia.

**MD** The current Maryland state license renewal cycle applies to **physicians with a last name ending in A-L**, but physicians are encouraged to check their profiles to confirm their expiration date

#### **What is the current license renewal deadline?**

**DC** December 31, 2016

**MD** September 30, 2016

#### **What are the CME requirements?**

**DC** Physicians must earn at least **fifty (50) AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits**. CME must be & earned in two-year period prior to the application date, not to exceed the start date of the **MD** licensure period.

#### **What are the content-specific CME requirements?**

Note: Mandated content-specific CME are included in the fifty (50) CME credit requirement. They are not in addition to the 50 CME credits.

Physicians must have **three (3) hours of HIV training**. At a minimum the HIV courses must provide information on one or more of the following topics:

(i) The impact of HIV/AIDS on populations of differing ages, particularly the senior

population;

(ii) The impact of HIV/AIDS on populations of different racial and ethnic backgrounds;

(iii) The general risk to all individuals in the District of HIV infection;

- DC (iv) How to inform all patients about HIV/AIDS, discuss HIV/AIDS with all patients, and appropriately monitor all patients for potential exposure to HIV and AIDS; or  
(v) The use, benefits, and risks associated with pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis treatment.

***Licensees will NOT be required to obtain LGBTQ Cultural Competency CME in the current renewal cycle.***

MD Physicians must have **one (1) credit of CME related to opioid prescribing**, regardless of specialty, prescribing authority, workplace setting, or location in or out of state. Read more at <http://www.mbp.state.md.us/pages/overdose.html>

### **What CME opportunities are available to MSDC members?**

MSDC has partnered with 1817 Society Member [ProAssurance](#) to offer an online courselibrary to help MSDC members meet content-specific CME requirements in HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia and in opioid prescribing in Maryland. The Medical Society is offering a separate live (in-person) 3 hour CME program on October 26 from 3 - 6 PM.



For information on these opportunities, please contact Pia Duryea ([duryea@msdc.org](mailto:duryea@msdc.org), 202-466-1800).

### **Where can I find additional information about licensure?**

DC Department of Health - Health Professional Licensing Administration's  
DC [renewal website](#) and [DC HRLA/BOM letter to physician licensees](#).

MD Maryland Board of Physicians [Renewal Information](#) and [FAQs](#).

### **Do I need to get a Criminal Background Check (CBC) or Criminal History Record Check (CHRC)?**

DC If you already underwent a CBC for DC licensure, you are exempt from the CBC requirement this renewal period.

MD Beginning October 1, 2016, the Maryland Board of Physicians will implement CHRCs for licensees applying for renewal. A CHRC is not required for any licensee renewing a license on or before September 30, 2016.