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MSDC Applauds Updates to Physician License CME Requirements

Change Ensures Physician Education Will Reflect Needs of Providers and Their Patients

Washington, D.C., March 27, 2019 – The Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC), the largest medical organization in the District of Columbia representing Washington-area physicians, applauds today’s Board of Medicine decision to update the mandatory continuing medical education (CME) requirements for physicians applying to renew their medical license. Today, in its open session meeting, the District of Columbia Board of Medicine voted to waive the requirement that three (3) hours of continuing medical education be in the subject of HIV/AIDS. The Medical Society and the physician community have long advocated against one-size-fits-all mandatory CME content in the re-licensure process, advocating instead that educational needs be determined by the physician, based on the practitioners’ practice, specialty and patient population.

“I want to thank the leadership of DC Health and the Board of Medicine for listening to our experiences with topic-specific mandatory CME,” said Raymond K. Tu, MD, FACR, President of the Medical Society of DC. “These changes and the ones to come from DC Health will allow District physicians to use CME relevant to their specific practices and specialties to better serve their patients.”

The Board of Medicine additionally shared that DC Health would release proposed regulations in the future seeking to modify other mandated content matter, such as LGBTQ Cultural Competency. The DC Health Director will address subject matter “determined to be public health priorities”. To date, the mandatory course in pharmacology, which can help address the District’s opioid crisis, remains unchanged.

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About the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC)

With approximately 2,700 members, the Medical Society of the District of Columbia is the largest medical organization representing metropolitan Washington physicians in the District of Columbia. The Medical Society was founded in 1817, and it is dedicated to ensuring the well-being of physicians and their patients in metropolitan Washington. For more information, visit msdc.org.