



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4745.04 Continuing education credit for provision of health care services.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Indigent and uninsured person" and "volunteer" have the same meanings as in section 2305.234 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Licensing agency that licenses health care professionals" means all of the following:

(a) The state dental board established under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(b) The board of nursing established under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(c) The state vision professionals board established under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code;

(d) The state board of pharmacy established under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code;

(e) The state medical board established under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code;

(f) The state board of psychology established under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(g) The state chiropractic board established under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;

(h) The Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board established under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(i) The counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board established under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;



(j) The chemical dependency professionals board established under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code;

(k) The state board of emergency medical services established under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code;

(l) The state speech and hearing professionals board established under Chapter 4744. of the Revised Code;

(m) Any other licensing agency that considers its licensees to be health care professionals.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall apply toward the satisfaction of a portion of a licensee's continuing education requirement the provision of health care services if all of the following apply:

(1) The licensing agency that licenses health care professionals requires a licensee to complete continuing education as a condition of having a license renewed by the agency.

(2) The licensee provides the health care services to an indigent and uninsured person.

(3) The licensee provides the health care services as a volunteer.

(4) The licensee satisfies the requirements of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code to qualify for the immunity from liability granted under that section.

(5) The health care services provided are within the scope of authority of the licensee renewing the license.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, a licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall permit a licensee to satisfy up to one-third of the licensee's continuing education requirement by providing health care services as a volunteer. A licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall permit a licensee to earn continuing education credits at the rate of one credit hour for each sixty minutes spent providing health care services as a volunteer.



(2) In the case of a person holding a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery, the state medical board shall permit the person to satisfy not more than ten hours of the person's continuing education requirement by providing health care services as a volunteer. The board shall permit a licensee to earn continuing education credits at the rate of one credit hour for every five hours spent providing health care services as a volunteer.

(D) A licensing agency that licenses health care professionals shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(E) Continuing education credit received under this section for providing health care services is not compensation or any other form of remuneration for purposes of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code and does not make the provider of those services ineligible for the immunity from liability granted under that section.