

MSBO wanted to reach out to all Mississippi Optometrists to make them aware of CE changes and to issue guidance in regard to PEP certified optometrists' requirements. These new CE regulations and requirements for the 2022 license year were made due to the scope expanded in 2021.

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED

1. 20 TOTAL HOURS OF CE IS STILL REQUIRED
2. 10 HRS MUST CONSTITUTE THE THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT OF EYE/EYELIDS
3. A 2HR CPR COURSE IS STILL REQUIRED AND WILL BE SPLIT OVER THE TWO YEARS YOU ARE CERTIFIED.
4. 12 HOURS OF NON FACE -TO- FACE CONTINUING EDUCATION WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ANY CATEGORY

WHAT HAS CHANGED

1. **ALL Mississippi ODs** will be required to complete a 2hr course every 2 years on the prescribing and diversion of narcotics. This requirement is independent of whether or not that Optometrist has a DEA number or prescribes narcotics in their practice.

This two-hour course will be split for 1hr credit for the two-year period it covers just like the CPR requirement.

2. **PEP Certified ODs** will be required to concentrate 6 HR of their 20 on the performance of primary eye care procedures. These courses will be approved by the Board if they include, but are not limited to, material pertaining to the direct performance of YAG laser capsulotomy and/or material pertaining to conditions that may require a primary eyecare procedure that can be performed Mississippi.

3. **ALL PEP certified ODS** must file a report regarding the performance of each YAG capsulotomy and include, with detailed explanation, any adverse outcome as it pertains to the performance of such procedure. The definition of adverse outcome is as follows:

"Any complication during the 90 day post operative period that results in permanent visual impairment or requiring surgery, (such as retinal tear/detachment) with or without the presence of permanent visual impairment."

4. All primary eyecare procedures must be performed inside the office floorplan on file with the board of Optometry office.

Example.

The balance of CE hours needed for PEP certified O.D.'s, after having met the DEA, (1) CPR (1), PEP (6), and Therapeutic (10) requirements, may be obtained in Practice management or any other category. (2). Totaling 20

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