

Continuing Medical Education

According to the American Medical Association (AMA), “continuing medical education (CME) consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession.”

AMA PRA *Category 1 Credit*[™] is the most commonly accepted form of CME credit for physicians. AMA PRA Credit is recognized and accepted by hospital credentialing bodies, state medical licensure boards, medical specialty certifying boards, medical specialty societies, Joint Commission and other organizations. AMA PRA Credit is also the basis for receiving the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award.

AMA PRA *Category 1 Credit*[™] must be planned by an accredited provider, such as Lima Area Medical Education Development (LAMED), and meet certain qualifications, such as presenting content appropriate for physician audience, addresses demonstrated educational needs, communicate clearly identified learner objectives, etc. Physicians may also be eligible to claim *AMA PRA Category 2 Credit*[™] for non-designated educational activities if (1) they comply with the AMA definition of CME; (2) they comply with the AMA ethical opinions on gifts to physicians from industry and on ethical issues in CME; and (3) a physician finds it to be a worthwhile learning experience related to his/her practice.

For more information on the AMA’s Physician Recognition Award and CME credit categories, visit the AMA’s website at www.ama-assn.org under the “Professional Resources” tab

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not designate activities for AMA PRA category 2 credit. Physicians should claim credit for appropriate AMA PRA category 2 activities on the PRA Application Form. (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/455/praaapplication.pdf>)

For medical license renewal in Ohio, the State Medical Board requires a total of 100 CME credits. At least 40 credits of CME must be earned in Category 1, although the total 100 credits may be Category 1. However, 60 credits of the required 100 can be claimed as Category 2.