



December 5, 2017

**RE: Change in Continuing Medical Education Cycles Effective January 1, 2018**

Dear Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons:

Effective January 1, 2018 the Continuing Medical Education Cycle (CME) will change from three (3) years to two (2) years. This change in the CME cycle will align with the two (2) year license renewal cycle. Under this new CME cycle change, licensees will have to complete 100 CME hours (to include a minimum of 40 AOA 1A or 1 B hours). You will be required to submit documentation of the 100 hours in the two (2) years preceding your license renewal year.

The number of CMEs required has not change. Currently, you are required to document 150 CME hours every three (3) years. The new law will require documentation of 100 CME hours every two (2) years. This still equates to 50 CME hours every year. The only change made is the reporting cycle, which changes from three (3) years to two (2) years. After January 1, 2018, all renewals will require completion of 100 CME hours.

This change becomes effective January 1, 2018. The first license renewals impacted by this change will be those whose license expires the end of February 2018. This change was made to simplify the CME requirement and renewal process. The three (3) year CME cycle was very confusing. This new cycle will be easy to understand.

If you have questions, please contact the Osteopathic Medical Board of California at (916)928- 8390 or email [Osteopathic@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Osteopathic@dca.ca.gov). If you want email notices and alerts, please join the new Licensee Notices and Alerts Email Alert list on the Board's website at <https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/ombc/subscribe.php>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelina Burton".

Angelina Burton  
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