



NOTICE OF TEXT

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.2(c)]

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1. Rule-Making Agency: [Medical Board](#)

2. Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): www.ncmedboard.org/about_the_board/rule_changes

3. Proposed Action -- Check the appropriate box(es) and list rule citation(s) beside proposed action:

ADOPTION:

AMENDMENT: [21 NCAC 32M .0107](#)

REPEAL:

READOPTION with substantive changes:

READOPTION without substantive changes:

REPEAL through READOPTION:

4. Proposed effective date: [05/01/2023](#)

5. Is a public hearing planned? [Yes](#)

If yes:

Date	Time	Location
02/13/2023	10:00 am	3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC 27604

6. If no public hearing is scheduled, provide instructions on how to demand a public hearing:

7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s):

The proposed amendment would require nurse practitioners to obtain 50 contact hours of continuing education every two years instead of every year. In addition, the rule would be amended to include a provision that a nurse practitioner who maintains a current national certification with a national credentialing body will be deemed in compliance with his or her CE requirements. A nurse practitioner must continue to provide documentation of all continuing education for the previous five calendar years upon the request of either board.

The proposed amendments track the current requirements for physician assistants, who by Board rule 21 NCAC 32S .0216, must complete 50 hours of Category I CME every two years. Also, per this same rule, a physician assistant who possesses a current certification with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants is deemed to be in compliance with the Board's CE requirements.

8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference:

9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s):

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10. Comment Period Ends: [02/13/2023](#)

11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

[No fiscal note required](#)

12. Rule-making Coordinator:

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13. The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on

Date: [11/18/2022](#)

1 **21 NCAC 32M .0107 is proposed to be amended as follows:**

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3 **21 NCAC 32M .0107 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)**

4 (a) In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall ~~maintain certification as a~~
5 ~~nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body identified in Rule .0101(8) of this Subchapter and~~ earn 50 contact
6 hours of continuing education ~~each year, every two years,~~ beginning with the first renewal after initial approval to
7 practice has been granted. A minimum of 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be in the advanced practice nursing
8 population focus of the NP role for which approval has been granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center
9 (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), other national credentialing bodies,
10 or practice-relevant courses in an institution of higher learning.

11 (b) Every nurse practitioner who prescribes controlled substances shall complete at least one hour of the total
12 required continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to address controlled
13 substance prescribing practices and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. CE that includes
14 recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, or non-opioid treatment options shall qualify for
15 the purposes of this Rule.

16 (c) A nurse practitioner who possesses a current national certification by a national credentialing body shall be
17 deemed in compliance with the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

18 ~~(e)(d)~~ Documentation of all continuing education shall be maintained by the nurse practitioner for the previous five
19 calendar years and made available upon request to either Board.

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21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-8.2; 90-18(c)(14); S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F;*

22 *Eff. January 1, 1996;*

23 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2004; May 1, 1999;*

24 *Recodified from Rule .0106 Eff. August 1, 2004;*

25 *Amended Eff. December 1, 2009; April 1, 2008;*

26 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*
27 *2016;*

28 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2023; June 1, 2021; March 1, 2017.*

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