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CONTINUING EDUCATION LIVE HOURS CHANGE

The Florida Board of Pharmacy has just revised rule 64B16-26.103 that impact Florida licensed pharmacists and Florida registered technicians. Current rules require a pharmacist to complete 30 hours of continuing education each biennial renewal period. This includes 2 hours of Board approved medication error CE defined in the rule and 2 hours of continuing education related to the validation and counseling of prescriptions for controlled substances and opioids as defined in rule 64B16-27.831. Florida licensees are familiar with the additional requirement to make sure that at least 10 hours of the 30 hours of continuing education have been completed either through a live seminar, live video teleconference or through an interactive computer-based application.

The live requirement has now been removed effective May 22, 2025. This change is also applicable to Florida registered pharmacy technicians who were required to complete 4 hours of live continuing education prior to renewing.

So, what does this mean? This change does not reduce the number of hours continuing education that a pharmacist or technician must complete. It does however remove the obligation for 10 hours of the required 30 hours for pharmacists and 4 hours of the required 20 hours for pharmacy technicians to be done in a live format. This means that a licensee or registrant may complete all their continuing education via home study or similar type educational offering. If a licensee wishes to attend a live seminar, live video teleconference or interactive computer-based application and the offering is Board of Pharmacy approved then this would be acceptable as well.

NEW BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR FLORIDA PHARMACISTS

Beginning July 1, 2025, all health care practitioners in Florida are required to comply with background screening requirements. This is applicable for initial as well as renewal licensees. Currently those individuals who were listed as prescription department managers or consultant of record were subject to this level of screening. This is now being expanded out to all pharmacist licensees. This change is not applicable to Florida registered pharmacy technicians or pharmacy interns.

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CHAI Registration Starts the Process for Background Screening

To comply, you will need to register with the Florida Clearinghouse Applicant Initiated (CHAI) system and create a profile prior to renewing your license. Florida pharmacist licenses are due for renewal at the end of September so this background screening effort will need to be in place prior to renewal.

For more information go to (Scan Below):

<https://flhealthsource.gov/background-screening/>

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