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Provider Newsletter

News and tips about PCAM and more . . .

NEW! Effective July 1, 2017 - Provider Rule Changes

Rule 795(d)(1) “In-House” Programs: accredited courses offered by law firms, corporate law departments or government agencies need to meet the standards for any other CLE course or activity under the Rules, including submitting applications, attendance and fees due. Most notable: (a) in-house courses will no longer need five attorney learners for live or recorded courses, and (b) courses desiring pre-determination of accreditation will not need to be submitted at least 30 days before the course start date. Note that subsection (ii) still states that no credit is allowed for discussions relating to the handling of specific cases or issues relating to the management of a specific law firm, corporate law department or government agency.

Rule 795(a)(6) Delivery Methods: descriptions for delivery methods are streamlined to three types: (1) live in person, (2) live technology, and (3) recorded technology. Interactivity remains a key for all courses. Providers must offer a way for course learners to ask questions of faculty or other qualified commentators and receive a reply within a reasonable time.

Corresponding fields in PCAM’s course entry workflow will be removed or modified for these Rule changes on or around July 1, 2017.

The New Professional Responsibility Requirements – What Providers Need to Know

Effective July 1, 2017, PCAM's professional responsibility page will be redesigned to accept courses offered in each of the specific professional responsibility requirements: diversity/inclusion, mental health/substance abuse, or other professional responsibility areas (ethics, civility and professionalism). Attendance and teaching certificates will also be revised and will be posted on the Questions & Forms page of the Board's website. Given this new requirement, providers should use the Board's new forms as they will specify the required professional responsibility areas.

Beginning with the two-year reporting period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, attorneys six hours of professional responsibility CLE will need to include one hour of diversity/inclusion CLE and one hour of mental health/substance abuse CLE. No courses offered or activities taken before July 1, 2017 are eligible to meet the new requirements. Please refer to the [Commission on Professionalism's FAQs](#) for additional information.

Provider Support and Sharing

We've redesigned our [MCLE Board - Support](#) webpage. It includes resources from our 2017 Course Provider Innovation Conference and Provider Resource Library. If you have a helpful checklist, tips or instructions you wish to share with other providers, email a weblink or PDF to mcle@mcleboard.org, Attention Resa Welch. We ask that you remove/redact firm or company identifying information.

Any questions? Go to www.mcleboard.org and select Contact to Send us a Message, or call us during business hours – Monday through Friday (except Illinois Supreme Court Holidays), 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. CT at (312) 924-2420.

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