Alaska State Medical Board Board Issued Guidelines

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Subject:	CME for Paramedic Renewals
Implemented:	October 2000; Revised August 2018; Revised September 2020

On March 11, 2020 Governor Michael J. Dunleavy issued a Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency under AS 26.23.020(c) for COVID-19. On April 10, 2020 Governor Dunleavy signed SB 241 into law, which authorizes boards to temporarily waive or modify the continuing education requirements required for licensees to renew a professional license, permit, or certificate in calendar year 2020.

The ASMB then issued a Board Order on May 14, 2020 to reduce the continuing medical education requirements for all licensees regulated by the board by fifty percent, unless otherwise mandated by a national governing body for the 2019-2020 licensing period.

The requirement of at least 60 hours of approved CME for the first year (2019) of the licensing period is remains. CMEs for 2020 have been waived, in following with the fifty percent reduction.

ACLS and BLS training requirement is waived for the 2019-2020 licensing period.

The board will accept the following CME programs:

- ACLS and BLS
- HAZMAT or HAZWOP training
- chlorine poisoning or spill response training victim/proctor activities
- pre-hospital trauma training, medevac escort training,
- ABLS, APLS, BTLS, ATLS, PBTLS, PHTLS, PALS, CPR
- EMT-instructor course, paramedic refresher training

This is just a short list and not all-inclusive. Again, any continuing education related to the specific duties of a paramedic would be appropriate.

Physician sponsors, also have some responsibility with regard to the paramedics' CME. Regulation 12 AAC 40.990(a)(13)(E) requires that physician sponsors approve the program of CME for each paramedic under their supervision.

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