



# Friday Flash

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## CME 201 Workshop

### Registrations Now Being Accepted

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009**  
**Renaissance Montgomery Hotel/Spa**

#### Speakers are:

- Mary Martin Lowe, PhD – ACCME
- Jeanette Harmon, MBA – AMA
- Bob Addleton, EdD – Physicians' Institute

**New this year: CME 101** the evening prior for CME newcomers. If you are interested in attending, please check the box on your registration form.

Up to four people from each organization may attend **free**. And each person must register separately.



## AL Board of Medical Examiners Announces Increase in Number of CME Credits Required

### for Physician Licensure

**The current rule** is that a physician must earn or accrue 12 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* during each calendar year for licensure.

**Effective in 2010**, physicians must

1) earn **25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** during each calendar year, with the 25 CME credits earned in 2010 being for 2011 renewal.

2) And physicians will no longer be allowed to carryover credits from one year to the next.

### Why the increase

Of the forty-four states that require *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for license reregistration, Alabama currently ranks 43rd in the number of credits a physician must earn each year. With the increase to 25 credits, Alabama moves up to number 13. In addition, the increase in the number of credits will be more in line with current specialty society requirements.

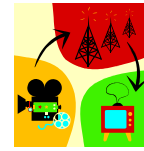
### Pause ...

Be prepared for a possible barrage of questions about what is and what is not designated as *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* (for a list of the latter, see page 18 in your *AMA PRA booklet*).

For example, many physicians are not aware that precepting a nurse confers Category 2, not Category 1, credit.

### ... and effect

The new ruling just might help provide an answer to the frequently-asked question, "What can we do to increase attendance at our CME activities?"



## CME Widely Available

### Examples

- AMA – <http://cmejama-archives.ama-assn.org/>
- Emory University – [www.med.emory.edu/CME/course/specialty.htm](http://www.med.emory.edu/CME/course/specialty.htm)
- MASA Library of DVDs, tapes
- Mayo Clinic – [www.mayo.edu/CME](http://www.mayo.edu/CME)
- Mobile CME from Epocrates.com/ <http://www.epocrates.com/products/mcme>
- NCMETV – [NCMETV.com](http://www.ncmetv.com) (contact Stephanie for login info)
- Yale School of Medicine – [www.cme.yale.edu/online\\_courses/welcome.html](http://www.cme.yale.edu/online_courses/welcome.html)
- <http://cme.medscape.com/Medscapetoday>
- [www.cme.medscape.com](http://www.cme.medscape.com)
- [www.cmeweb.com](http://www.cmeweb.com)
- [www.freecme.com](http://www.freecme.com)
- [www.medmatrix.org](http://www.medmatrix.org)
- [www.pedialink.org](http://www.pedialink.org)



## Survey Decision Status Update

### Accreditation with Commendation

This status is accomplished when **all** Criteria 1 – 15 **and all** Criteria 16 – 22 are found to be in compliance.

### Probation to Accreditation

A provider does not have to remain on probation for an entire year. If, for instance, a provider is placed on probation at the April Council meeting and demonstrates compliance with all the findings of noncompliance prior to the November Council meeting, the Council can change the providers' status to Accreditation at the November meeting.

**Probation to Accreditation with Commendation** is not an option.