

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRESCRIBER TRAINING

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Utah Controlled Substances Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires a medical practitioner applying for a new or renewed controlled substance license to take four hours of opioid prescribing classes each licensing period;

▶ requires the Division of Occupations and Professional Licensing, in consultation with the Utah Medical Association and other medical licensing boards, to establish educational content of an opioid prescribing class to help establish safe and effective practices for prescribing controlled substances, hypnotic depressants, and psychostimulants;

▶ provides that any opioid prescribing class required under this bill does not increase the total continuing medical education requirements of a practitioner; and

▶ allows the division to establish rules.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:



28 **58-37-6.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **58-37-6.5** is enacted to read:

32 **58-37-6.5. Continuing medical education for practitioners.**

33 (1) (a) Beginning with the 2012-2014 license renewal cycle, each individual, other than
34 a veterinarian, who has a license to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37,
35 Utah Controlled Substances Act, shall complete at least four continuing medical education
36 hours in approved opioid prescribing classes per licensing period.

37 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, each individual, other than a veterinarian, applying
38 for an initial license to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah
39 Controlled Substances Act, shall comply with the continuing medical education requirement
40 established in Subsection (1)(a).

41 (c) Any opioid prescribing class under this section shall:

42 (i) qualify for the AMA PRA Category 1 Credit;

43 (ii) be presented by an organization accredited to provide continuing medical education

44 by:

45 (A) the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education;

46 (B) the Utah Medical Association; or

47 (C) another recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body; and

48 (iii) be approved by:

49 (A) the recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body; and

50 (B) the division.

51 (2) The division, by rule and in consultation with the applicable practitioner licensing
52 board and the recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body, shall establish
53 educational content for any opioid prescribing class under this section. The content shall

54 include:

55 (a) the scope of controlled substance prescribing problem;

56 (b) abuse, dependence, and addictive properties and toxicity of controlled substances;

57 (c) use of state controlled substance database;

58 (d) specific pharmacology;

- 59 (e) screening for risk;
- 60 (f) monitoring compliance;
- 61 (g) prevention strategies;
- 62 (h) early and late interventions and treatment;
- 63 (i) state controlled substances guidelines; and
- 64 (j) patient education on controlled substances, such as opioid analgesics,
65 sedative/hypnotic depressants, and psychostimulants, and dangers and appropriate uses of
66 controlled substances.
- 67 (3) An opioid prescribing class required under this section:
- 68 (a) may be held:
- 69 (i) in conjunction with other continuing medical education programs; and
- 70 (ii) online;
- 71 (b) does not increase the total continuing medical education hours required for a
72 practitioner; and
- 73 (c) shall be reported by an individual as part of the continuing medical education
74 required for licensing.
- 75 (3) The division may establish rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
76 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement this section.

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SHORT TITLE: Prescription Drug Prescriber Training

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.