



1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2 Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

3 (Amendment)

4 201 KAR 9:360. Continuing education requirements for physician assistants.

5 RELATES TO: KRS 13B.125(3), 214.610, 214.620, 218A.205, 311.565(1)(b), 311.601,  
6 311.842(1), 311.844, 311.850(1)(p), (s), 311.852, 620.020

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 218A.205(3)(i), 311.565(1)(a), (b), 311.601(1), (2),  
8 311.842(1)

9 CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: This is to certify that this administrative regulation  
10 complies with the requirements of 2025 RS HB 6, Section 8.

11 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 311.601(1) authorizes the board to  
12 promulgate an administrative regulation that establishes requirements to ensure the  
13 continuing professional competency of licensees. KRS 311.842(1) requires the board to  
14 promulgate administrative regulations relating to the licensing and regulation of  
15 physician assistants. This administrative regulation establishes continuing medical  
16 education requirements for physician assistant licensees in Kentucky, including  
17 requirements for courses relating to the use of KASPER, pain management, [and]  
18 addiction disorders and the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or  
19 inhalation of controlled substances required for licensees who prescribe or dispense  
20 controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.205,

and pediatric abusive head trauma, and Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia pursuant to KRS 311.844.

Section 1. Continuing Medical Education.

(1) At the time a licensee seeks to renew his or her license, the licensee shall certify that he or she has met the continuing education requirements for the two (2) year continuing education cycle using the Continuing Education Certification Form provided by the board and submitting it by the renewal deadline.

(2) The board may randomly require licensees submitting certification of continuing education to demonstrate satisfactory completion of the continuing education hours stated in the certification by providing verification documentation. If requested, the licensee shall provide verification within ten (10) days of receiving the request from the board.

Section 2. Required Hours of Continuing Education.

(1) For each two (2) year renewal period and continuing education cycle, a licensee shall complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuing education approved by the following:

- (a) The American Medical Association;
- (b) The American Osteopathic Association;
- (c) The American Academy of Family Physicians;
- (d) The American Academy of Physician Assistants; or
- (e) Another entity approved by the board.

(2) If the licensee is authorized to prescribe or administer controlled substances, for each two (2) year continuing education cycle, the licensee shall complete, as part of the required 100 continuing education hours,

(a) A minimum of six ~~[seven]~~ and one-half (6.5) ~~[(7.5)]~~ hours of board-approved continuing education relating to:

(1) ~~[(a)]~~ Controlled substance diversion;

(2) ~~[(b)]~~ Pain management;

(3) ~~[(c)]~~ Addiction disorders;

(4) ~~[(d)]~~ The use of KASPER; or

(5) ~~[(e)]~~ Any combination of two (2) or more of these subjects; and

(b) A minimum of one (1) hour on the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances.

(3) If the licensee is authorized to prescribe or administer Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone, the licensee shall complete, as part of the required 100 continuing education hours, a minimum of twelve (12) hours of board-approved continuing education relating to addiction medicine for each two (2) year continuing education cycle.

(4) A licensee shall not be granted authorization for prescriptive authority of controlled substances or Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone until he or she submits to the board proof of completion of the minimum hours of continuing education in subsections (2) and (3) of this section within the prior two (2) years.

(5)

(a) To qualify as board-approved continuing education under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the educational program shall have been approved in advance for the specified number of continuing education hours by the board.

(b) The board may approve an educational program that:

1. Consists of a live presentation;
2. Is presented by a live or recorded webinar; or
3. Is presented through an online module.

(c) The board shall maintain a current listing of approved continuing education programs on its official website, [www.kbml.ky.gov](http://www.kbml.ky.gov).

#### Section 3. Continuing education related to pediatric abusive head trauma.

(1) Each licensee shall complete at least one and one-half (1.5) hours of continuing education regarding the recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma in a course approved by the board pursuant to KRS 620.020, within the first two (2) years of initial licensure or prior to the expiration of first renewal cycle after the promulgation of this administrative regulation. These hours shall be counted toward the 100 continuing education hours required in Section 2 of this administrative regulation.

(2) Licensees may submit pediatric abusive head trauma course curriculum taught in their physician assistant graduate education to count toward the required one and one-half (1.5) hours for approval.

#### Section 4. Continuing education related to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

(1) Each licensee shall complete at least one (1) hour of continuing education regarding Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia as set forth in subsection (2) of this section within the first two (2) years of initial licensure or prior to the expiration of first renewal

cycle after the promulgation of this administrative regulation. These hours shall be counted toward the 100 continuing education hours required in Section 2 of this administrative regulation.

(2) The course topics shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The warning signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

(b) The importance of early detection, diagnosis, and appropriate communication techniques for the discussion of memory concerns with the patient and his or her caregiver;

(c) Cognitive assessment and care planning billing codes;

(d) The variety of tools used to assess a patient's cognition; and

(e) Current treatments that may be available to the patient.

(3) Licensees may submit Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia course curriculum taught in their physician assistant graduate education to count towards the required one (1) hour for approval.

#### Section 5. Sanctions.

(1) Failure to complete the required number of continuing education hours for the required period or to submit the required written verification within the time specified within this administrative regulation shall constitute a violation of KRS 311.850(1)(p) and (s), which shall constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, for the purposes of KRS 311.852 and 13B.125.

(2) If the board determines that a licensee has failed to complete the required continuing education hours within the time specified or has failed to provide the written verification

1 of completion within the time specified, the appropriate inquiry panel or its chair shall  
2 promptly issue an emergency order suspending the licensee from practice or restricting  
3 that licensee from prescribing or administering controlled substances within the  
4 Commonwealth of Kentucky until the licensee has completed the required continuing  
5 education hours for that period and has provided written verification of completion to the  
6 board.

7 (3) An emergency order issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall remain  
8 valid and in effect until the board has received written verification that the licensee has  
9 successfully completed the required continuing education hours for the time period  
10 specified. Upon receipt of the written verification, the panel or its chair shall immediately  
11 issue an order terminating the emergency order issued pursuant to this section.

12 (4) If a licensee who is affected by an emergency order issued pursuant to this section  
13 requests an emergency hearing pursuant to KRS 13B.125(3), the hearing officer  
14 conducting the emergency hearing shall affirm the emergency order if presented with  
15 written notification on board letterhead stating that the board has not received the  
16 required written verification that the licensee completed the required continuing  
17 education hours for the continuing medical education cycle by the deadline date for the  
18 cycle.

#### 19 Section 6. Extensions of Time.

20 (1) To request an extension of time, the licensee shall submit:

21 (a) A completed Request for Extension to Complete Required CE Hours; and

22 (b) The fee established in 201 KAR 9:041, Section 1(17).

(2) The board may grant an extension of time to a licensee who for sufficient cause has not yet received continuing education certification, following the submission of the items required by subsection (1) of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, sufficient cause shall include situations such as:

(a) An illness;

(b) Any event meeting the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., Pub.L. 103-3 criteria, and the federal regulations implementing the act, 29 C.F.R. Part 825;

(c) Financial exigencies; or

(d) Practice circumstances making it prohibitive to attend the courses.

(3)

(a) A licensee who obtains an extension of time shall be granted an extension of six (6) months to come into compliance.

(b) If a licensee has not completed the continuing education requirements within the six (6) month extension established by this subsection, his or her license shall:

1. Be immediately suspended; and

2. Remain suspended until the licensee has submitted verifiable evidence that he or she has completed the continuing education requirements.

Section 7. A waiver of the requirements established by this administrative regulation shall not be granted.

Section 8. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Continuing Education Certification Form", 092026 [442025]; and

1 (b) "Request for Extension to Complete Required CE Hours", 072020.  
2 (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright  
3 law, at the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, 310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 1B,  
4 Louisville, Kentucky 40222, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This material is  
5 also available on the board's website at: <http://kbml.ky.gov>.

Adopted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William C. Thornbury, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

09/17/2026

DATE

WILLIAM C. THORNBURY, M.D., PRESIDENT  
KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

## PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on Monday, December 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., using the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Zoom meeting room. A Zoom link will be posted on the agency's web site, [kbml.ky.gov](https://kbml.ky.gov), prior to the meeting. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing no less than five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received at least five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation. Written comments previously submitted will be considered and new comments shall be accepted through December 31, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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## REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

201 KAR 9:360

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Subject Headings: Occupations and Professions, Physicians and Practitioners, Licensing

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for obtaining continuing education hours for physician assistants in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: It is necessary to promulgate this regulation to establish the requirements for obtaining continuing education hours for physician assistants in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation acts specifically to establish the requirements for obtaining continuing education hours for physician assistants practicing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation acts specifically to establish the requirements for obtaining continuing education hours for physician assistants practicing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment implements the legislative mandate that at least one (1) hour of the required 7.5% of required education hours per continuing education cycle be specific to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances for physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment is necessary to implement the legislative mandate set forth in 2026 Kentucky Laws Ch. 38 (HB 388), requiring that at least one (1) hour of the required 7.5% of required education hours per continuing education cycle be specific to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances for physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This amendment conforms to the content of KRS 218A.205 which requires that at least one (1) hour of the required 7.5% of required education hours per continuing education cycle be specific to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of

controlled substances for physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This amendment acts specifically to implement the legislative mandate set forth in 2026 Kentucky Laws Ch. 38 (HB 388), requiring that at least one (1) hour of the required 7.5% of required education hours per continuing education cycle be specific to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances for physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? Yes. This administrative regulation implements 2026 Kentucky Laws Ch. 38 (HB 388).

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This amendment will affect physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances will be required to complete at least one (1) hour of continuing education specific to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances per each continuing education cycle.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4): The cost will vary, depending on the fee charged by the education provider.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4): Physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances will be better educated to recognize and prevent pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: None.

(b) On a continuing basis: None.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The agency is self-funded through application and licensure fees.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increase of fees or funding will be necessary.

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: This regulation does not establish any fees nor does it directly or indirectly increase any fees.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering was not appropriate in this administrative regulation because the administrative regulation applies equally to all those individuals regulated by it.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

201 KAR 9:360

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(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation: KRS 311.565(1)(a) and (b), KRS 311.601(1) and (2), KRS 311.842(1) and KRS 218A.205(3)(i).

(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act: 2026 Kentucky Laws Ch. 38 (HB 388)

(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions: Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

2. Revenues:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts): None

(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

2. Revenues:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year: None

For subsequent years: None

(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):  
Physician assistant licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year: None.

For subsequent years: The cost of one (1) hour of continuing education (every three years).

2. Revenues:

For the first year: None.

For subsequent years: None.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year: None.

For subsequent years: None.

(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation: The promulgation of this administrative regulation will not have a major fiscal impact on state or local government or regulated entities.

(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion: N/A

(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14): The amendment of this administrative regulation will not have a major fiscal impact on state or local government or regulated entities.

(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion: N/A

## FEDERAL MANDATE ANALYSIS COMPARISON

201 KAR 9:360

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(1) Federal statute or regulation constituting the federal mandate: N/A

(2) State compliance standards: KRS 311.565(1), KRS 311.601(1), KRS 311.842(1) and KRS 218A.205(3)(i)

(3) Minimum or uniform standards contained in the federal mandate. N/A

(4) Will this administrative regulation impose stricter requirements, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements, than those required by the federal mandate?  
N/A

(5) Justification for the imposition of the stricter standard, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements. N/A

### Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

- "Continuing Education Certification Form", 092026, is the standardized form used by physician assistant licensees to affirm that they have completed the required continuing education hours per education cycle.

### Summary of Changes

Changes were made to add the requirement that at least one (1) hour of board-approved education relating to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances must be obtained during each two-year education cycle. The form is identified by "092026" to reflect that this version was adopted with the filed changes pursuant to the September 2026 ("092026") Board meeting.

- "Request for Extension to Complete Required CE Hours", 072020, is the standardized form with which a physician assistant licensee can request an extension beyond the expiration of an education cycle to obtain the required hours.

### Summary of Changes

No amendments were made to "Request for Extension to Complete Required CE Hours", 072020.

Information and Instruction for  
Continuing Education Certification Form

201 KAR 9:360 requires all physician assistants maintaining an active license to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to obtain at least **100 hours** of continuing education within each two (2) year renewal period. The continuing education must be approved by the American Medical Association; American Osteopathic Association; American Academy of Family Physicians; American Academy of Physician Assistants; or another entity approved by the board.

As part of the minimum 100 hours within each two (2) year renewal period, if a physician assistant is authorized (or wishes to become authorized) to prescribe or administer controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, he/she must complete at least six [seven] and one-half (6.5) [(7.5)] hours of board-approved continuing education relating to controlled substance diversion; pain management; addiction disorders; the use of KASPER; or any combination of the two (2) or more of these subjects ; and at least one (1) hour of board-approved education relating to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances. In addition, if the physician assistant is authorized to prescribe or administer Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, he/she must complete, a minimum of twelve (12) hours of board-approved continuing education relating to addiction medicine. Information on approved courses can be found on the board's website.

Newly licensed physician assistants must complete a one-time training course of at least one and a half (1.5) hours of continuing education regarding the recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma and a one-time training course of at least one (1) hour of continuing education regarding Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia within the first two (2) years of initial licensure or prior to the expiration of first renewal cycle after the promulgation of 201 KAR 9:360. These hours shall also be counted toward the required 100 continuing education hours for the period in which completed.

You must certify that you have completed the required continuing education hours within each two (2) year renewal period. If you have not completed the required hours noted above, please complete the **"Request for Extension to Complete Required Continuing Education Hours."** Failure to complete the extension request form, pay the extension fee and return it with your renewal application will result in a delay of your renewal application being processed.

**DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS UNLESS REQUESTED.** The board may require licensees submitting certification of continuing education to demonstrate satisfactory completion of the continuing education hours stated in the certification by providing verification documentation. If requested, you must provide verification within ten (10) days of receiving the request from the board.

**Continuing Education Certification**  
**For the Two (2) Year Renewal Period:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Have you completed at least 100 hours of continuing education within the last two (2) years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(2) Are you authorized to prescribe or administer controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Kentucky?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," have you completed at least 6.5 [7.5] hours of board-approved continuing education relating to controlled substance diversion; pain management; addiction disorders; the use of KASPER; or any combination of two (2) or more of these subjects within the last two (2) years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

and

Have you completed at least one (1) hour of board-approved continuing education relating to the recognition and prevention of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances within the last two (2) years?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

(3) Are you authorized to prescribe or administer Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone in the Commonwealth of Kentucky?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," have you completed at least 12 hours of board-approved continuing education relating to addiction medicine within the last two (2) years?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

(4) Did you first become licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the last two (2) years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," have you completed at least 1.5 hours of continuing education regarding the recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma and at least 1 hour of continuing education regarding Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia since becoming licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
PA License No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
Request For Extension To Complete Required  
Continuing Education Hours**

Extension Fee: \$100.00

According to 201 KAR 9:360, "*The board may grant an extension of time to a licensee who for sufficient cause has not yet received continuing education certification.*" "Sufficient cause" includes situations such as an illness or any event meeting the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., Pub.L. 103-3 criteria, and the federal regulations implementing the act, 29 C.F.R. Part 825.

In order to request an extension to complete continuing education hours, please complete the section below, sign, date and return to the Board with the renewal application and extension request fee of \$100.00. If the extension is granted, you will receive correspondence from the Board with instructions for submitting required continuing education hours.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request an extension to complete the required continuing education hours for the latest two (2) year renewal period. I attest that I did not complete the required hours for the following reason(s):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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PA License No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Please enclose \$100.00 \*

Checks may be made payable to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure