

Free Opioid Prescribing Training from Boston University

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the FSMB Foundation are pleased to announce a partnership with the Boston University School of Medicine CME office to provide free, online education on the new *Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education (SCOPE) of Pain* program.

As you may know, the FDA recently mandated that manufacturers of extended release/longacting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics, as part of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), make available comprehensive prescriber education in the safe use of these medications. Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) was recently awarded an unrestricted educational grant by the manufacturers of ER/LA opioid analgesics to provide this education. Launched on March 1, 2013, with the first phase – an online educational activity – the program addresses many key elements of the physician component of the Obama Administration’s prescription drug abuse prevention plan on prescriber education released in April 2011.

The program, which is available at www.scopeofpain.com, is a free, educational program that has been accredited for a maximum of *3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. It is comprised of three (3) educational modules that must be completed in order for the learner to earn their online certificate of credit.

The Board has reviewed and approved this online CME course to go towards the CME requirements of HB 1 and 201 KAR 9:310.