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## ALASKA STATE MEDICAL BOARD – EMERGENCY ORDER

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Reduction of Continuing Medical Education for Current Licensing Period

**Date:** May 14, 2020

**Status:** New

**Organized by:** The Alaska State Medical Board

**Adopted by:** The Alaska State Medical Board

**PURPOSE:** The Alaska State Medical Board holds the following position statement regarding reduction of Continuing Medical Education (CME) for the current licensing period.

**HISTORY:** 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.

**SUMMARY:** The Alaska State Medical Board established weekly meetings to discuss and respond to issues related to COVID-19 in a timely manner. During the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board unanimously resolved 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.

As the board's decision preceded the adoption of SB 241, the Alaska State Medical Board would like to reiterate its position on reducing CME requirements for the 2019-2020 licensing period.

In accordance with SB241 Sec. 6(b)(1), the board:

**Resolves 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**

This board order will cease on January 1, 2021, following the end of the current renewal cycle. In the event the COVID-19 pandemic extends past the renewal deadline, the board may consider adjusting CME requirements for the 2021-2022 licensing period.

*The Alaska State Medical Board's authority to issue this emergency order is provided in SB 241.*