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GUIDELINE: Continuing Education Violation and Penalties

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The Board of Pharmacy regards failure to comply with the continuing education (CE) rule and regulation requirements for licensure as a serious issue. With the number of many home-study, web-based, and live programs available, achieving the fifteen (15) hours required each year cannot be viewed as a burden. Accordingly, the penalties assessed by the Board when a CE audit indicates a failure to comply with the CE requirements are far worse than the effort required to complete the minimum 15-hour requirement.

I. Self-Reported to Board Prior to Renewal:

1. **Self-Report:** Self-Reporting a shortage of required CE hours shall consist of the registrant sending written communication to the OSBP Office (Email, fax, or mail) and receiving written confirmation of receipt and verification of how many hours shall then be required.
2. **Additional CE:** Two (2) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour of missing CE.

II. Discovered upon audit:

1ST Offense:

1. **Fine:** \$100 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE with a minimum \$500 fine.
2. **Additional CE:** Four (4) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE.
3. **Live CE:** At least 25% of the CE required in (2) above, with a minimum of four (4) hours, must be acquired by attendance at a live CE presentation.
4. **Audit:** At the next license renewal, original CE completion certificates must be submitted to the Board for audit.

2ND Offense:

1. **Fine:** \$200 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE with a \$1500 minimum.
2. **Additional CE:** Four (4) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE.
3. **Live CE:** At least 50% of the CE required in (2) above, with a minimum of four (4) hours, must be acquired by attendance at a live CE presentation.
4. **Audit:** At the next three (3) license renewals, original CE completion certificates must be submitted to the Board for audit.
5. **Probation:** License will be placed on probation for two (2) years.