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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REMINDS PRACTITIONERS OF IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING CONTINUING EDUCATION

~CE/CME @ Renewal program combines continuing education reporting with licensure renewal~

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health reminds health care practitioners of the importance of reporting continuing education hours before licensure renewal. In January 2013, the Department launched CE/CME @ Renewal, a new program that verifies a practitioner's required continuing education record during licensure renewal. Previously, health care professionals were required to complete continuing education hours, but were not required to report these hours to renew their license.

The Department has implemented a new CE/CME electronic tracking system, powered by CE Broker, to simplify the reporting process. Practitioners can use this free system as a tool to track CE/CME course history, as well as digitally store hours and certificates.

Practitioners have provided positive feedback about their experience reporting CE/CME hours to the new electronic tracking system. In a customer satisfaction survey, one pharmacist wrote, "The process was very easy to understand! The system immediately indicated that I have completed the necessary continuing education requirements."

CE/CME @ Renewal is being implemented in two phases to ensure a smooth transition for all practitioners and CE/CME providers. The first phase, which is optional, focuses on educating practitioners and CE/CME providers about this new program. During this phase, practitioners are prompted, but not required, to report their continuing education hours. During the second phase, which is mandatory, practitioners must have documentation of CE/CME completion before their license can be renewed.

For more information about the CE/CME @ Renewal program, visit www.FLHealthSource.com.

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