

2026 Physician CME Compliance Checklist

State-by-state requirements for MDs and DOs. Print it. Pin it. Or let CredentialMD track it automatically.

How to Use This Checklist

Every state has different CME requirements — different total hours, different renewal cycles, and different mandatory topics. This checklist covers the 15 most-populated states. Check off each requirement as you complete it. For complete coverage of all 50 states with automatic tracking, try CredentialMD free at credentialmd.com.

State	Total Hours / Renewal Cycle	Cat 1: Category
California (MD)	50 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: All Cat 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 12 hrs pain management/terminally ill (one-time, by 2nd renewal)■ Geriatric medicine if >25% patients are 65+	
	■ Total hours requirement met	
California (DO)	50 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: 20 hrs AOA Cat 1A/1B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 12 hrs pain management/terminally ill (one-time)■ Schedule II addiction risks course each cycle	
	■ Total hours requirement met	
Texas	48 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: 24 hrs Cat 1 minimum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 2 hrs medical ethics■ 2 hrs opioid/controlled substance prescribing■ 2 hrs forensic evidence collection (first renewal)	
	■ Total hours requirement met	

Florida (MD)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: Cat 1 for required topics
■ 1 hr HIV/AIDS		
■ 2 hrs medical errors prevention		
■ 2 hrs domestic violence (every 3rd renewal)		
■ 2 hrs controlled substances (DEA holders)		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Florida (DO)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: 20 hrs AOA Cat 1-A
■ 1 hr HIV/AIDS		
■ 2 hrs medical errors prevention		
■ 2 hrs domestic violence (every 3rd renewal)		
■ 2 hrs controlled substances (DEA holders)		
■ Total hours requirement met		

New York	50+ hrs / 2 yrs (varies)	Cat 1: Accredited CME
■ 2 hrs infection control (first renewal, then every 4 yrs)		
■ 3 hrs pain management/palliative care		
■ 1 hr implicit bias		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Pennsylvania	100 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: AMA/AOA approved
■ 12 hrs patient safety + risk management		
■ 2 hrs opioid education		
■ 2 hrs child abuse recognition		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Illinois	150 hrs / 3 yrs	Cat 1: 60 hrs Cat 1 minimum
■ Opioid prescribing training (various)		
■ Sexual harassment prevention (one-time)		
■ Implicit bias training		
■ Total hours requirement met		
Ohio	100 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: 40 hrs Cat 1 minimum
■ Category 1 courses from approved providers		
■ Opioid prescribing awareness		
■ Total hours requirement met		
Georgia	40 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: Not specified
■ Controlled substance prescribing practices		
■ End-of-life care considerations		
■ Total hours requirement met		
North Carolina	60 hrs / 3 yrs (150/3 for DO)	Cat 1: Cat 1 + peer review
■ Board-approved CME activities		
■ Opioid prescribing (DEA holders)		
■ Total hours requirement met		
Michigan	150 hrs / 3 yrs	Cat 1: 75 hrs Cat 1 minimum
■ Pain and symptom management		
■ Medical ethics		
■ Implicit bias training (1 hr, one-time)		
■ Total hours requirement met		

New Jersey	100 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: AMA/AOA approved
■ Prescription opioid drugs education		
■ Cultural competency		
■ End-of-life care		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Virginia	60 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: AMA/AOA Category 1
■ 2 hrs opioid prescribing/addiction (DEA holders)		
■ Suicide risk assessment training		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Arizona (MD)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: Not specified
■ 3 hrs opioid/SUD/addiction (DEA holders)		
■ Total hours requirement met		

Arizona (DO)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	Cat 1: 24 hrs AOA Cat 1-A
■ 3 hrs opioid/SUD/addiction (DEA holders)		
■ Max 16 hrs AMA Cat 1 allowed		
■ Total hours requirement met		

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