

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE IN THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHARMACY RULES,  
RULE 480-35-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendment to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-35-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION (hereinafter "proposed amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amendment and a synopsis of the proposed amendment, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendment, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at [www.gbp.georgia.gov](http://www.gbp.georgia.gov).

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on August 1, 2018 at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 625 Old Peachtree Road, NW, Suwanee, GA 30024 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendment. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to July 23, 2018. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to [tbattle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tbattle@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:05 AM on August 1, 2018 at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 625 Old Peachtree Road, NW, Suwanee, GA 30024. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, and 26-4-50.


At its meeting on March 20, 2018, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rule amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

At its meeting on March 20, 2018, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A§ 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: June 21, 2018



**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
480-35-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Purpose of Amendment: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the continuing education requirement for drug therapy modification.

Main Features: The main feature of this amendment is to clearly establish that the continuing education requirement must met by participating in a course(s) on the topic of the therapy area which is sought to be modified.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULE  
480-35-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**Rule 480-35-.03. Continuing Education**

In order to renew a certification under this chapter, the continuing education must:

- (1) Be from a provider approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 480-3-.03 or a provider approved by ACPE.
- (2) Have been taken and credit received for the continuing education during the 12 months preceding the application for renewal.
- (3) Have been from a live program at least 1.0 contact hour (0.1 CEU) in length.
- (4) Have been on the topic of the therapy area in which the Pharmacist seeks to make drug therapy modifications.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 26-4-27, 26-4-28, and 26-4-50