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March 22, 2017

The Honorable Howard J. Falgout, MD
Chairman
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
PO Box 946
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946

Dear Chairman Falgout:

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) are writing to request a clarification to §540-X-4-.09. This regulation relates to risk and abuse mitigation strategies by prescribing physicians. It specifies that prescribing physicians must acquire two credits of American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1 continuing medical education (CME) in controlled substance prescribing every two years. This language fails to recognize the equivalent Category 1-A CME granted to osteopathic physicians (DOs) by the AOA that are currently accepted by the Board under the general CME requirements referenced under Chapter §545-x-5-.02 (3)(a).¹ The AOA and AOMA have received requests from members regarding the acceptance of equivalent CME offered by the AOA. We therefore request clarification that all board approved CME is accepted as meeting the requirements under this newly adopted rule.

The AOA and AOMA appreciate your consideration of our request for clarification of §540-X-4-.09. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Nicholas A. Schilligo, MS, AOA Associate Vice President of State Government Affairs, at nschilligo@osteopathic.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8185.

Sincerely,

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¹ See <http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/mlc/545-X-5.pdf>.

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