

Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration- - Continuing Education

According to §5-301 of the Maryland Criminal Law Article, an authorized physician who will prescribe or dispense controlled dangerous substances must complete **two hours** of continuing education that (1) is related to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled dangerous substances and (2) recognized by the Board of Physicians or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

For physicians who are applying for a controlled dangerous substance registration, physicians must make an attestation that the continuing education requirement is completed either:

- Before the initial registration, *for newly authorized providers*; OR
- Before their first registration renewal that occurs on or after October 1, 2018, *for renewal applications*.

Available CME through MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society

1. *Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP): Best Practice and Clinical Usage*, available [here](#).
2. *Dispensing Opioids: Decisions to Improve Medication Safety*, available [here](#).

If you have any additional questions about the law, please contact Melanie Dang, Esq. in the Law & Advocacy Department at 410-539-0872, ext. 3311.

If you have any additional questions about the continuing education opportunities, please contact Frank Berry in the CME Department at 410-539-0872 ext. 3307.