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Continuing education requirements and reporting (OPPCE).

- (A) All licensees shall verify the successful attainment of approved OPPCE as set forth in rule 4779-9-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (1) A licensed orthotist or prosthetist must achieve forty-five OPPCE units during each three-year accrual period.
 - (2) A licensed orthotist and prosthetist or licensed prosthetist-orthotist must achieve seventy-five OPPCE units during each three-year accrual period.
 - (3) A licensed pedorthist must achieve thirty-three OPPCE units during each three-year accrual period.
- (B) OPPCE hours must be earned no later than thirty days prior to the license expiration date for that renewal period. An excess of approved hours attained during a renewal period will not be applied towards future requirements, unless they are earned after signature date on the renewal application for that period.
- (C) The application for renewal shall include a section for verification of OPPCE compliance. Licensees shall complete the section to certify the completion of the required hours of OPPCE for the current renewal period.
- (D) As a condition of license renewal beginning with the license expiration and renewal date of January 31, 2014, an individual renewing an active license issued by this board, if attesting to completion of required OPPCE for the renewal to process in accordance with the requirements of section 4779.20 of the Revised Code, may be required to verify subject to documentation completion of at least a one-unit or one hour continuing education course approved by the Ohio department of health or the Ohio department of education or such other coursework as the board may determine is appropriate for the professions it licenses on the subject of human trafficking recognition and response training for allied healthcare professionals. The board shall include on its website information regarding such approved training and a link to state of Ohio authorized online resources for the attainment requirements of section 4779.20 of the Revised Code or the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule.
- (E) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to maintain and keep all records to serve as documentation for any audit pertaining to the completion of OPPCE requirements; including, but not limited to certificates of completion, transcripts, letters of attendance, or attendance registers. Records shall be maintained for a period of four years beyond the renewal date requiring attestation of OPPCE compliance for the holders of a license issued under sections 4779.10, 4779.11, 4779.12, 4779.13, 4779.16, and 4779.17 of the Revised Code. Legible copies shall

be sent to the board only in response to an audit.

- (F) Failure to meet OPPCE requirements or failure to provide attestation of completion of necessary OPPCE hours sent to the board by January thirty-first of any relevant renewal year may result in ~~automatic~~ suspension of ~~the~~ license ~~by April first of that year~~, pursuant to section 4779.20 of the Revised Code. Failure to verify completion of necessary OPPCE hours within thirty days after receipt of an audit request from the board may result in disciplinary action pursuant to section 4779.28 of the Revised Code. If reinstatement is desired, such individual shall be required to submit a formal request for reinstatement of licensure.