

**64B15-13.005 Performance of Pro Bono Medical Services.**

(1) Up to 10 hours, per biennium, of continuing education credit may be fulfilled by the performance of pro bono medical services to the indigent or to underserved populations or in areas of critical need within the state where the licensee practices. The standard for determining indigency shall be low-income (no greater than 150% of the federal poverty level) or uninsured persons. Credit shall be given on an hour per hour basis.

(2) The Board approves for credit under this rule, the following entities:

(a) The Department of Health;

(b) Community and Migrant Health Centers funded under section 330 of the United States Public Health Service Act; and,

(c) Volunteer Health Care provider programs contracted to provide uncompensated care under the provisions of Section 766.1115, F.S., with the Department of Health.

(3) For services provided to an entity not specified under this rule a licensee must apply for prior approval in order to receive credit. In the application for approval, licensees shall disclose the type, nature and extent of services to be rendered, the facility where the services will be rendered, the number of patients expected to be served, and a statement indicating that the patients to be served are indigent. If the licensee intends to provide services in underserved or critical need areas, the application shall provide a brief explanation as to those facts.

(4) Unless otherwise provided through Board order, no licensee who is subject to a disciplinary action that requires additional continuing education as a penalty, shall be permitted to use pro bono medical services as a method of meeting the additional continuing education requirements.

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