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Subject: Online CEUs During the Period of Emergency

Importance: High

Licensees,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. Several of you have reached out to us in recent weeks to ask if the Oklahoma Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter rules limiting "online" continuing education would be modified or waived due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. In response, this question was discussed at the most recent Consumer Protection Licensing Advisory Council meeting on Friday, May 15th, 2020. The Council voted in favor of a non-binding resolution recommending those requirements be waived during this emergency. Emergency rules recently passed by the Oklahoma legislature also give state agencies some authority to modify licensing rules during the period of emergency.

What does this mean for you?

During the period of emergency, you may take and submit as many online CEUs as you may need for the current period (Hearing Aid Dealers initially licensed before 2020 must submit 10 CEU hours every year). Submit CEU documentation to chslicensing@health.ok.gov. *Please do not wait until after the period of emergency is over* to take online classes or turn them in, because we do not know if, or for how long, this period of emergency will be extended, and we may not have the authority to waive the rule after the emergency order expires. The order was last renewed on May 12th, 2020, and will expire 30 days from then *unless renewed again.* You may always view the Governor's current executive orders here: https://www.sos.ok.gov/gov/execorders.aspx

It is likely that if you do not take online classes during the period of emergency, but you find afterward that most in-person conferences and classes have still been cancelled for 2020 -- we may not be able to waive the restriction on online classes for you despite understanding and sympathizing with your circumstance. **So I urge you to take this opportunity if you have any inclination to do so.**

P.S. This message has been sent to every known email address we have on record for current licensees, but please forward, post, or share this message as widely as possible to your colleagues, employers, and employees.

Wash your hands,
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