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Rescission of Proclamation 20-32: Waivers ending, and CME requirements being reinstated

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Background

- CME Requirements were suspended (March 2020) during the pandemic by Governor Proclamation
 - These emergency orders will expire on October 27th
- Effective on October 27, 2022, the following pre-COVID requirements will all return:
 - Physician Assistants – physician supervision ratios, and practice agreement requirements;
 - Limited License holders – will have restrictions regarding geographic locations or specific jobs as described in their appointments;
 - Retired Active MD licensees – will have restrictions that include not receiving compensation for health care services and only practicing in emergent or intermittent circumstances; and
 - Retired Active PA licensees – will have requirements to have a delegation agreement and will be prohibited from receiving compensation for health care services.



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Practice Agreements Requirements

- Practice agreements must be filed with the WMC.
 - The WMC no longer 'approves' practice agreements – you only need to file the practice agreements with us.
 - Practice agreements can be created and modified with the [WMC online portal](#).
- Supervising Physicians can supervise up-to 10 PAs unless otherwise approved by the WMC.
- Remote site supervision waivers are no longer required.



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CME Attestation Due Dates for MDs

CME Due Date	New Due Date Under Waiver
October 28 – December 31, 2022	Your Birthday in 2026
January 1 – October 27, 2023	Your Birthday in 2027



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For Example....

- My CME attestation is due on November 13th, 2022:
- Your attestation is now due on November 13th, 2026.

- My CME attestation is due on June 26th 2023:
- Your attestation is now due on June 26th 2027.

- My CME attestation is due on November 1st 2023:
- Your attestation is due on November 1st 2023.



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- Your attestation is now due on December 1st 2024.

- My CME attestation is due on June 26th 2023:
- Your attestation is now due on June 26th 2025.

- My CME attestation is due on October 29th 2023:
- Your attestation is due on October 29th 2023.



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Waiver Process

- If you are unable to complete your CME requirements by the extension date – you can receive a one-time extension by sending an email to medical.licensing@wmc.wa.gov.
- Attach a word document or PDF with the following:
 - Your name, license number and contact information
 - Where you are currently employed
 - Brief explanation of the circumstances that are preventing you from completing the CME requirement
- Requests must be received at least 30 days prior to the due date.



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FAQ

- CME that was completed during the proclamation time frame is still valid toward your CME requirements.
 - You do not need to complete a new set of CME hours toward your required amount once the proclamation expires.
- You do not need to provide physical documentation of your acquired CMEs during your renewal.
 - If the WMC needs additional CME information – we will contact you.
- If you are manually renewing your license – please note on your renewal notice if you are taking advantage of the CME extension or waiver.
- An online renewal is automatically eligible for extension.



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Time for Questions

General Questions:

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Waiver Requests

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