

1 21 NCAC 32M .1708 is repealed as published in 37:10 NCR 756 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32B .1708 COVID-19 DRUG PRESERVATION RULE**

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3);*

6 *Emergency Adoption Eff. April 6, 2020;*

7 *Temporary Adoption Eff. June 26, 2020;*

8 *Eff. April 1, 2021;*

9 *Repealed Eff. June 1, 2023.*

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1 21 NCAC 32M .0107 is amended, **with changes**, as published in 37:12 NCR 902-203 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32M .0107 CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)**

4 (a) In order to maintain nurse practitioner approval to practice, the nurse practitioner shall ~~maintain certification as a~~
5 ~~nurse practitioner by a national credentialing body identified in Rule .0101(8) of this Subchapter and~~ earn 50 contact
6 hours of continuing education **activity each year, every two years**, beginning with the first renewal after initial approval
7 to practice has been granted. A minimum of 20 hours of the required 50 hours must be in the advanced practice nursing
8 population focus of the NP ~~role role. The 20 hours must have for which~~ approval ~~has been~~ granted by the American
9 Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), ~~or other~~
10 ~~by a national credentialing bodies, accredited provider of nursing continuing professional development, or nurse~~
11 ~~practice-relevant courses in an institution of higher learning. A nurse practitioner who possesses a current national~~
12 ~~certification by a national credentialing body shall be deemed in compliance with the requirement of Paragraph (a) of~~
13 ~~this Rule.~~

14 (b) ~~Prior to prescribing controlled substances as the same are defined in 21 NCAC 32M .0109(b)(2), Every nurse~~
15 ~~practitioner practitioners who prescribes controlled substances shall have complete completed at least a minimum of~~
16 ~~one CE hour of the total required continuing education (CE) hours annually consisting of CE designed specifically to~~
17 ~~address within the preceding 12 months on one or more of the following topics:~~

18 (1) ~~controlled substance~~ **Controlled substances prescription practices;**

19 (2) ~~prescribing practices and Prescribing~~ **prescribing controlled substance substances prescribing** for chronic pain
20 ~~management. management;~~

21 (3) ~~CE that includes recognizing~~ **Recognizing** signs of ~~the controlled substance~~ abuse or ~~misuse of~~
22 ~~controlled substances, misuse;~~ or

23 (4) ~~non-opioid~~ **Non-opioid** treatment options ~~shall qualify for the purposes of this Rule. as an~~
24 ~~alternative to controlled substances.~~

25 ~~(c) A nurse practitioner who possesses a current national certification by a national credentialing body shall be~~
26 ~~deemed in compliance with the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

27 ~~(e)(d)~~ Documentation of all ~~[continuing education]~~ **CE completed within the previous five years** shall be maintained
28 by the nurse practitioner ~~for the previous five calendar years~~ and made available upon request to either Board.

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-8.2; 90-18(c)(14); S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F;*

31 *Eff. January 1, 1996;*

32 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2004; May 1, 1999;*

33 *Recodified from Rule .0106 Eff. August 1, 2004;*

34 *Amended Eff. December 1, 2009; April 1, 2008;*

35 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,*
36 *2016;*

37 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2023; June 1, 2021; March 1, 2017; June 1, 2023.*

1 21 NCAC 32M .0119 is repealed as published in 37:10 NCR 756 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32M .0119 COVID-19 DRUG PRESERVATION RULE**

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-18.2;*
6 *Emergency Adoption Eff. April 21, 2020;*
7 *Temporary Adoption Eff. June 26, 2020;*
8 *Eff. April 1, 2021;*
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