

CE MONTHLY MINUTE

A Monthly Newsletter to Keep You Updated on Everything CEPO

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Defense Health Agency (DHA), Education and Training (J-7), Continuing Education Program Office (CEPO) CE Monthly Minute, a newsletter to showcase updates such as, CE Management System (CMS) updates, policies and procedures, accreditations and guidelines, and upcoming CE activities.

Accreditation Updates

During the month of April, CEPO continued their initiative of obtaining new accreditations by applying for American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) accreditation on April 8, 2020. If granted approval, CEPO will be able to provide CEs for Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. These professionals are essential to supporting military service members, veterans and their families through their services to address cognition, speech, language, swallowing and hearing loss. These deficits can impact service members who have suffered traumatic brain injury, veterans who have progressive declines in the aging process and military children who are living with developmental deficits.

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) updated their Approved Provider Program (APP) standards, fees, logo, etc. this month. The largest change is that APPs are now required to submit an application for each AOTA CE/Professional Development (PD) activity to AOTA 45 days in advance for pre-approval. There is also a \$75 fee associated with each AOTA CE PD activity application. AOTA has also increased their Recognition of Renewal from a maximum of five years to seven years. CEPO will continue to stay up-to-date on accreditation standards and guideline updates to best serve our partners.

Updates on Resources

The CEPO Team worked together to create a Clinical Registered Nurse (RN) Refresher Training Packet to transition licensed or qualified people from administrative roles into direct clinical care positions to support RNs already positioned at the Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The RN Refresher Course is designed for RNs to reintroduce basic direct patient care skills and augment clinical MTF RNs, especially during surge operations.

The program includes didactic, skills training, and hands-on experience. The refresher course is 48 hours long; the first 4-6 hours include didactic training, the next 7-24 hours include skills training, and the remaining 24-48 hours are for a skills lab, return to demonstration, and skills checkout assessment from the assigned preceptor.

CEPO is hopeful that their assistance in creating the Clinical RN Refresher Training will influence medical readiness across the MHS.



CE Activity Highlights

On April 8, 2020, CEPO supported the Southern Hemisphere Influenza Immunization Brief designed for health care personnel to discuss the Department of Defense (DoD) implementation of the new Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccine. This course discussed the Spring 2020 implementation schedule of the new vaccine for Active Duty, DoD Civilians, National Guard/Reserve, and Contractors assigned, deploying, or traveling to the Northern and/or Southern Hemisphere who meet the criteria for Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccine administration.

This activity reviewed and discussed the new Southern Hemisphere Vaccine product, travel requirements for vaccine recommendation, patient screening and administration, storage and handling, vaccine ordering, and proper documentation in the medical record. Due to the importance of this briefing and information presented, the Southern Hemisphere Influenza Immunization Brief will open as a home study on May 8, 2020 and will be available for one year.

Home Study Activities

The CEPO has a variety of home study activities available on the CMS (www.dhaj7-cepo.com) for CE/CME credit. Home study activities can be done at the convenience of learners and credits can be earned from anywhere in the world! Below is the current list of home study activities available:

- 23 January 2020, Clinical Communities Speaker Series (CCSS), “Advances in Women’s Health” - earn up to 7.0 CE Credits
- DoD Opioid Prescriber Safety Training - earn up to 2.0 CE credits
- Next Generation Behavioral Health Podcast - earn 1.0 CE credit
- Quadruple Aim Performance Process Review - earn 1.0 CE credit

Contact Information

To contact the CEPO directly, please email dha.ncr.j7.mbx.continuing-education-office@mail.mil. To stay up-to-date on all of the different CE offerings or to apply for CEPO support for events, please visit the CMS at the following link: www.dhaj7-cepo.com.