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*Advisory Ruling on Continuing Education for New Graduates*

**Title:** *Waiver of Continuing Education Requirements for Newly Graduated Physician Assistants*

**Advisory Ruling No.:** 2015-001

**Authority:** The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Physician Assistants issues this Advisory Ruling on Continuing Education pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter (M.G.L.c.) 30A §8 and M.G.L.c. 112 §9F.

**Date Issued:** April 9, 2015

**Purpose:** To clarify the continuing education requirement for newly graduated licensed physician assistants.

**Advisory:** Pursuant to Board regulations at 263 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 3.05(3) each registered physician assistant must certify that s/he has completed at least 100 hours of continuing education for each in courses or programs approved by the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Medical Association, or like accrediting body approved by the Board in order to renew his or her license to practice as a physician assistant. Such continuing education is required for each renewal cycle. The Board waives this requirement for licensed physician assistants who graduated from an approved physician assistant training program within one year of license issuance.