



The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors approved a change to the AAFP’s CME membership requirement.

Members may earn CME credit via a wide range of educational opportunities, in both formal and informal categories. Formal CME includes CME activities that have been certified by the AAFP for Prescribed or Elective credit. Informal CME includes self-directed learning activities that are not certified for credit.

In an effort to simplify the requirements for members and consolidate informal (self-directed learning) CME options, the Board condensed these types of activities into one category for scholarly activities. Previously, members could claim a maximum number of credits for individual activities such as published research, clinical research, paper presentations, exhibit presentations, medical writing, peer review, and writing test questions. Effective immediately, these activities can be reported simply as scholarly activities and will qualify as Prescribed credit. Members may claim a maximum of 100 credits in this area per re-election cycle.

Greater detail of this change to the AAFP’s CME requirement follows:

Published Research	15 per paper or 45		<b>Scholarly Activities</b>	<b>100</b>
Clinical Research	30			
Paper Presentation	10 per paper or 30			
Exhibit Presentation	15			
Medical Writing	30			
Peer Review	3 per manuscript or 45			
Writing Test Questions	30			

Modifications to the AAFP’s [CME reporting tool](#) have been made to accommodate this change.

As a reminder, the AAFP’s CME requirement also requires members to obtain a minimum of 25 credits from live learning activities every three years. Live activities are held in real time, include two or more people, and offer either Prescribed or Elective credit. Examples include medical seminars or conferences such as AAFP clinical courses, a lecture series, live webinars, or life support activities (ACLS, ATLS, BLS, NALS, PALS, etc.).

Did you know that teaching also counts as a live activity? Members can report a maximum of 60 AAFP prescribed credits every three years for teaching health professions learners.

Additional information on the [different types of CME credit](#) can be found online.

If you have questions about this CME requirement change, please [email us](#) or call (800) 274-2237 and we would be glad to assist you.

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