


MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 4, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6(c)(34) – AB 1340 (Maienschein) Medical Education: Mental and Physical Health Care Integration.

Background:

This bill would require the Medical Board of California to consider including in its continuing education requirements a course in integrating mental and physical health care in primary care settings, especially as it pertains to early identification of mental health issues in children and young adults and their appropriate care and treatment.

Location: Assembly Floor

Status: 5/3/17 From committee: Do pass. To Assembly Consent Calendar.

Votes: 5/3/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (16-0-1)
4/25/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (16-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 1340 (Maienschein) due to its potential to increase referral to mental health care services through better informed primary care providers.

Attachment A: AB 1340 (Maienschein) Text

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AB-1340 Continuing medical education: mental and physical health care integration. (2017-2018)

SECTION 1. Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2191. (a) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in human sexuality as defined in Section 2090 and nutrition to be taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge in those areas.

(b) The board shall consider including a course in child abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with abused or neglected children.

(c) The board shall consider including a course in acupuncture to be taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge in the area of acupuncture and whose education has not included instruction in acupuncture.

(d) The board shall encourage every physician and surgeon to take nutrition as part of his or her continuing education, particularly a physician and surgeon involved in primary care.

(e) The board shall consider including a course in elder abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with abused or neglected persons 65 years of age and older.

(f) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in the early detection and treatment of substance abusing pregnant women to be taken by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with these women.

(g) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in the special care needs of drug addicted infants to be taken by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with these infants.

(h) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course providing training and guidelines on how to routinely screen for signs exhibited by abused women, particularly for physicians and surgeons in emergency, surgical, primary care, pediatric, prenatal, and mental health settings. In the event the board establishes a requirement for continuing education coursework in spousal or partner abuse detection or treatment, that requirement shall be met by each licensee within no more than four years from the date the requirement is imposed.

(i) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in the special care needs of individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Pain and symptom management.

(2) The psycho-social dynamics of death.

(3) Dying and bereavement.

(4) Hospice care.

(j) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall give its highest priority to considering a course on pain management.

(k) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in geriatric care for emergency room physicians and surgeons.

(l) In determining its continuing education requirements, the board shall consider including a course in integrating mental and physical health care in primary care settings, especially as it pertains to early identification of mental health issues in children and young adults and their appropriate care and treatment.