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## Hot Topic: Don't Get Left Out in the Cold in 2014

As the weather turns colder, we are reminded of those things necessary to prepare ourselves for the wintery months- pulling down storm windows, putting up firewood, draining our hoses and outside spigots.

Winter of 2014 will bring some changes for Industrial Commission specialist examiners. You'll want to start preparing now, so you won't be left out in the cold.

In July of 2009, MediScene announced the new credentialing criteria for IC specialist examiners. This includes a provision for application for reappointment to the panel every five years. This reapplication process will begin in January of 2014.

For current panel members, there are two considerations most important to keep in mind. First, specialists must document eight hours of continuing medical education credits specific to impairment rating within the past five years.

These may be AMA Category I or II. Formal courses offered by AADEP, ABIME, SEAK, or your specialty organization are encouraged, however there are many other resources for self-study available, some of which can be found on our website at [ohioic.com](http://ohioic.com), under "Medical Specialist Resources."



Secondly, it will be required that an IC specialist examiner practice direct patient care in his or her specialty at least eight hours per week on a recurring basis for forty weeks per year. If retired from active practice, then the specialist examiner must have had an active clinical practice or office practice of at least five years duration

voluntarily closed within the past seven years.

We hope this early chilling reminder will help warm you up to the idea of preparing yourself to continue as an IC specialist examiner!

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### Did you Know?

You can find online Mental and Behavioral Health courses specific to impairment evaluation at [behavioralhealthce.com](http://behavioralhealthce.com). All Industrial Commission Examiners are required to complete eight hours of continuing education specific to impairment evaluation every five years.

1. John Hancock

- A. Was President of the Continental Congress.
- B. Wanted to make sure King George could read his signature without his spectacles.
- C. Was accused by the British of smuggling Madeira wine into Boston.
- D. Was accused by the British of using an electronic signature.
- E. All of the above.
- F. A., B., and C.

2. Industrial Commission medical specialist examiners

- A. Must have two years practice experience in their specialty.
- B. Are required to apply for reappointment in two years.
- C. Must be in active practice in their specialty or recently retired.
- D. All of the above.
- E. A. and C.

3. Continuing education requirements for Industrial Commission specialist examiners

- A. Must be specific to impairment evaluation.
- B. Can be category one or two.
- C. Include eight hours of credit over five years.
- D. All of the above.
- E. A. and C.

(Answers: 1. F.; 2. E.; 3. D.)