Executive Summary

Protecting the Integrity and Independence of Accredited CE
The ACCME Board initiated a process to review the rules that protect the independence and integrity of accredited continuing education (CE) for healthcare professionals. The initiative supports the ACCME’s strategic goal to assure the quality of accreditation and seeks to be responsive to stakeholders who have identified potential improvements over the past several years. To oversee the review, the Board established the Task Force on Protecting the Integrity of Accredited CE, with members representing diverse perspectives, including CE providers and the public.

Task Force on Protecting the Integrity of Accredited CE
Norman Kahn, MD, and Susan Spaulding, Co-Chairs
Barbara Anderson, MS
Joni Fowler, PharmD, BCPP
Linda Gage-White, MD, PhD, MBA
Stuart Gilman, MD, MPH
Timothy Holder, MD
Wanda Johnson, CMP, CAE
Jeffrey Mallin, MD

As an initial step, the ACCME has opened a call for feedback about potential revisions to the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support: Standards to Ensure Independence in CME Activities™ that will ensure their continued relevance and effectiveness. More information is available on the ACCME website.

Accreditation Decisions
The ACCME made 43 accreditation and 17 progress report decisions.

Accreditation
• Eight CME providers achieved Accreditation with Commendation.
• Twenty CME providers achieved Accreditation. Of those, nine providers need to submit progress reports.
• Four CME providers received Probation and need to submit progress reports.
• Ten initial applicants received Provisional Accreditation; one initial applicant did not achieve Provisional Accreditation.

Progress reports
• Fifteen CME providers demonstrated compliance with all the requirements previously found in noncompliance.
• Two CME providers did not yet demonstrate compliance with all requirements.

Currently, there are 1,725 providers in the ACCME System, including ACCME-accredited, state-accredited, and jointly accredited providers.
Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™

The ACCME made 11 accreditation decisions and 11 progress report decisions for Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™.

Joint Accreditation
- One jointly accredited provider was reaccredited and needs to submit a progress report.
- Ten initial applicants achieved Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education. Of those, three providers need to submit progress reports.

Progress reports
- Eight jointly accredited providers demonstrated that all criteria have been brought into compliance.
- Three jointly accredited providers did not bring all criteria into compliance and need to submit another progress report.

These decisions have also been made by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The ACCME, ACPE, and ANCC collaborate to offer a single pathway for accreditation for organizations offering interprofessional continuing education (IPCE).

International Collaboration among Accreditors
The Board reaffirmed the substantial equivalency of the Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education (Canada). This recognition extends until December 31, 2022. The substantial equivalency framework facilitates recognition between continuing education accreditors and the ACCME. Substantial equivalency is a relationship between accreditors based on shared principles and values, while recognizing and accepting differences.

Policy and Procedure Updates
The Board updated policies and procedures related to complaints and inquiries, the reconsideration and appeals process, and ACCME expectations of providers engaged in the accreditation process.

ACCME 2019 Budget
The Board approved a budget that includes ongoing investment in technology designed to streamline and improve service to the CME community. The Board’s goal is to take a prudent, conservative approach to financial management, while expanding the quality of ACCME’s services in fulfillment of the ACCME’s strategic goals.

Elections
The Board was pleased to elect these volunteers to serve on the Board and committees:

Board of Directors
Christine Stabler, MD

Accreditation Review Committee
Rebecca Daniel, MD, 2019 Chair
Annette Mallory Donawa, PhD
Anne Grupe, MSEd
Rob Martin, MBA
Michael Ruhlen, MD, MHCM, 2019, Vice Chair
Thank You to Our Volunteers
The ACCME is only successful in its mission because of its dedicated volunteers. The Board had the privilege of paying special tribute to the following volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary, long-term service.

Service Awards for Completion of Service

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John Jurica, MD, MPH
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Surveyor Achievement Awards

25 surveys
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