

## **Mission of the Colorado Medical Society Committee on Professional Education and Accreditation CME Accreditation Program**

### **Purpose**

The Committee on Professional Education and Accreditation (CPEA) ensures physician access to high quality continuing medical education (CME) through its support and direction of the Colorado Medical Society CME accreditation program. The CPEA commits to improve the standards for CME by accrediting organizations whose CME programs are developed to facilitate competency and performance improvement based on identified practice gaps of their physician learners. Through proper implementation of its CME criteria and policies the CPEA endeavors to support physicians in their goal of providing improved healthcare for all Colorado citizens.

### **Objectives:**

1. **Maintain recognition status** by adhering to the Recognition Requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME.)
2. **Accredit eligible CME providers** that are capable of and willing to conduct CME programs that comply with the guidelines and standards and promote physician performance improvement.
3. **Assist accredited providers** in improving their programs of CME through education, guidance and instruction on the accreditation guidelines and standards.
4. **Evaluate** the effectiveness of the CME accreditation program in meeting the educational needs of Colorado physicians.

### **Strategies:**

1. Properly administer the CME accreditation program according to all ACCME recognition requirements, Essential Areas, Updated Criteria, Policies and Standards for Commercial Support. Additionally, develop adjunct policies and procedures as needed to accommodate the needs of our local CME community.
2. Develop and conduct a thoughtful, fair, efficient and equitable survey and decision-making process within the ACCME policies and procedures for surveying and decision-making.
3. Provide CME accredited providers with the necessary education, instruction and tools that will assist them in a successful implementation of their CME programs. This will be accomplished through periodic seminars hosted by the CMS, personal consultation, regular

communication of updated information and participation in other CME related educational events whenever possible.

4. Conduct a periodic review of the effectiveness of the Colorado Medical Society CME accreditation system in meeting the needs of CME providers and physicians in Colorado. This will be accomplished through the collection of data (CMS Annual Report) from the CME providers pertaining to the quantity, type of activities, allotment of funds and the effectiveness of their CME programs with respect to change in practice. An assessment to identify how well the CPEA is meeting the needs of the providers in their ability to provide quality CME will be conducted.

**Expected Results:**

The physicians in Colorado will have access to higher quality CME – CME that will contribute to maintaining physician’s competency and improve the healthcare they provide to their patients. (Evidenced by implementation of and adherence to CME criteria)

The recognition status awarded to the Colorado Medical Society will be maintained and held to high standards and performance in all essential areas with the intent of achieving commendation whenever possible. (Evidenced by ACCME recognition survey results)

All accredited CME provider programs will demonstrate a transition to the “new model” of CME that requires the identification of practice gaps and change in physician competence, performance or patient outcomes by 2012. (Evidenced by CME provider survey results and CMS annual reports.)

All Accredited providers will participate in the educational resources made available to them through the CMS or other venues of CME training in order to improve their programs of CME and demonstrate compliance. (Evidenced by staff records on participation and annual reports)