



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

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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 the ACCME Essential Areas and Elements, 2006 Updated Criteria, Standards for Commercial Support, Policies, and the AMA PRA requirements (“Accreditation Requirements”) the CPEA endeavors to support physicians in their goal of providing improved healthcare for the citizens of Colorado and the surrounding region.

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 criteria and policies and promote physician performance improvement.
3. Assist accredited providers in improving their programs of CME through education, guidance and instruction on the accreditation requirements
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of the CME accreditation program in meeting the educational needs of physicians in Colorado and the surrounding region.

Strategies:

1. Properly administer the CME accreditation program according to all ACCME recognition requirements including the Markers of Equivalency and all accreditation requirements. Additionally, develop adjunct policies and procedures as needed and within the purview of the Markers of Equivalency to accommodate the needs of our local CME community.
2. Develop and conduct a thoughtful, fair, efficient and equitable accreditation survey and decision-making process within the ACCME Markers of Equivalency.
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 and the surrounding region 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, evidenced by ACCME recognition survey results.

All accredited CME provider programs will be fully transitioned 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)