

CME Provider Update

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New Criteria

Accreditation decisions using the *New Criteria* will begin on a national level in November 2008. The first NSMA accreditation decision will be in January 2009 and all accredited providers are expected to reach Level 2 by 2012. By now all providers should be well on their way to implementing the new criteria. Mission statements should have been rewritten in terms of competence, performance OR patient outcomes. Needs should be identified in terms of practice gaps and the programs you are planning should be designed to change competence, performance, or patient outcomes as described in your mission statement.

As NSMA conducts surveys throughout 2008, we will be looking to see if progress on the new criteria has been made. Your final decision will not be based on the new criteria, but it is important that we see you are implementing the changes.

Alliance for CME Live Webinar Series

The Nevada State Medical Association has registered for the upcoming Alliance Webinar “*From Accreditation Survival to Commendation*”. Session I: *How to Plan CME Activities That Fit Into the “Big Picture”* will be held February 20, 2008 at 11:00am, Session II: *How To Write a Mission Statement & Stick to It* will be held April 16, 2008 at 11:00am, and Session III: *How to Use Data To Determine CME Program Success* will be held June 18, 2008 at 11:00am. All northern Nevada providers are invited to attend at the Baker Lane office in Reno. For those of you in the South, Southwest Medical Associates has also purchased the webinar. I encourage all of you to attend. Please contact Dr. Ebbin for attendance information.

2007 Annual Report Process and Timeline

As was communicated earlier, the 2007 Annual Report data entry and reporting process will take place on the ACCME Online System. ACCME has posted the following tools to support the process.

- Annual Report Form (all data must be submitted to the ACCME through the online system)
- Glossary Definitions
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Providers

Provider login and passwords have been distributed to all providers. **All annual reports will be due on or before March 10, 2008.** Please be sure to meet the deadline so your accreditation status won't be in jeopardy. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Rambo at csrambo@nsmadocs.org.

Joint Sponsorship Pointers

- Include joint sponsorship in your organization's mission statement
- Create an affiliation agreement that outlines expectations and responsibilities of provider and joint sponsor
- Make sure that the joint sponsor understands and agrees to abide by ACCME/NSMA policies on content validation, disclosure, and commercial support.