



Memorandum

To: ACCME Accredited Providers

From: Murray Kopelow, MD, Chief Executive *M Kopelow*

Date: January 21, 2009

Re: Increased Transparency of the Accreditation System

This past year, the ACCME Board of Directors recognized that increased transparency of the ACCME system is necessary to promote the validity of the enterprise. Beginning this year, the ACCME will share more data than has previously been made public about ACCME accreditation and accredited providers via the ACCME website.

Beginning in 2009, the ACCME will publish more detailed information on each ACCME accredited provider. In the list of ACCME-accredited providers available on www.accme.org, the ACCME will present, for each accredited provider, the organization's: (1) current accreditation status, (2) total number of activities, hours, and number of participants, (3) types of activities the provider produces, (4) participation in joint sponsorship, (5) acceptance of commercial support, and (6) facilitation of exhibits and advertising. **The ACCME will not be releasing any dollar amounts reported by individual accredited providers for income, expenses, commercial support, or advertising/exhibits.**

So, in addition to the current contact information, an ACCME-accredited provider's entry on www.accme.org will include the following:

- The provider's current accreditation status
- # of activities reported in the last year
- # of contact hours reported in the last year
- # of physician participants reported in the last year
- # of non physician participants reported in the last year
- Accepts commercial support (Y/N)
- Accepts advertising and exhibit revenue (Y/N)
- Reported participating in joint sponsorship (Y/N)
- Produces Courses (Y/N)
- Produces Performance-Improvement CME (Y/N)
- Produces Internet Live or Enduring Materials CME (Y/N)
- Produces Other Enduring Materials (Y/N)
- Produces Internet Searching and Learning Activities (Y/N)
- Produces other types of activities (Y/N)

In the spirit of transparency, the ACCME believes that additional data and information about the accreditation system and the accredited CME enterprise will allow all stakeholders of our system – including physician learners, licensing and certification bodies, and the public – to assess the accredited continuing medical education in the United States for themselves.