

SUBJECT: SPECIALTY CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) POLICY

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS)

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee 4

1 WHEREAS, AOA certification policy requires member to earn at least 50 hours of CME in
2 their specialty in each three-year CME cycle; and

3 WHEREAS, the qualifying criteria for specialty CME was approved by the Board of
4 Trustees in 2006 to start the 2007-2009 CME cycle; and

5 WHEREAS, specialty CME credit criteria for state affiliates was approved up to a
6 maximum of 25 credit hours per cycle through a memorandum, dated March 8, 2008
7 from AOA Trustee and Chair of the Department of Educational Affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, criteria to award specialty CME credit by the state affiliates would benefit from
9 clearer definition; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, that ***CREDIT FOR*** specialty CME ***PROVIDED BY CME PROVIDERS***
11 ***OTHER THAN THE RELEVANT SPECIALTY AFFILIATE*** credit may
12 only be awarded ***BY THE CERTIFYING BOARD WITH JURISDICTION***
13 ~~when the faculty presenter is board certified in the specialty or related specialty by~~
14 ~~common jurisdiction; and be it further~~

15 ~~RESOLVED, that the CME sponsor must designate in advance the intended specialty~~
16 ~~audience(s) for the specific CME program; and be it further~~

17 RESOLVED, that physicians may petition the specialty certifying board's CME Advisory
18 subcommittee on a case-by-case basis for exceptions to this policy; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that each certifying board be required to establish a CME Advisory
20 Subcommittee. It is the responsibility of each subcommittee to monitor the
21 compliance of CME programs with the criteria, which is determined by the
22 Subcommittee ~~and may include a random audit of the CME activity report.~~

Explanatory Statement

It is the responsibility of each specialty certifying board's CME Advisory subcommittee to monitor the compliance of CME programs based on the approved template and its defined criteria.

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED AS AMENDED
AMENDMENTS NOTED IN BOLD ITALICS AND UNDERSCORED

DATE 7/16/09