

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 specialty CME credit may only be awarded when the faculty presenter is
11 board certified in the specialty or related specialty by common jurisdiction; and be it
12 further

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

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

17 RESOLVED, that each certifying board be required to establish a CME Advisory
18 Subcommittee. It is the responsibility of each subcommittee to monitor the
19 compliance of CME programs with the criteria, which is determined by the
20 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.

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