

Accreditation and Designation Statement Information

Accreditation Statement

The accreditation statement must appear on CME activity materials and brochures distributed by accredited organizations, except that the accreditation statement does not need to be included on initial, save-the-date type activity announcements. Such announcements contain only general, preliminary information about the activity such as the date, location, and title. If more specific information is included, such as faculty and objectives, the accreditation statement must be included.

The ACCME accreditation statement is as follows:

For directly provided activities: “The (name of accredited provider) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.”

Example:

The Urgent Care Association (UCA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

For jointly provided activities: “This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of (name of accredited provider) and (name of nonaccredited provider). The (name of accredited provider) is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.”

Example:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Urgent Care Association (UCA) and the California Urgent Care Association (CalUCA). UCA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

There is no "co-providership" accreditation statement. If two or more accredited providers are working in collaboration on a CME activity, one provider must take responsibility for the compliance of that activity. Co-provided CME activities should use

the directly provided activity statement, naming the one accredited provider that is responsible for the activity. The ACCME has no policy regarding specific ways in which providers may acknowledge the involvement of other ACCME-accredited providers in their CME activities.

CME credit

The “currency” assigned to CME activities. Physicians and other healthcare professionals use credits to meet requirements for maintenance of licensure, maintenance of specialty board certification, credentialing, membership in professional societies, and other professional privileges. The requirements for credit designation are determined by the organization responsible for the credit system. Besides the AMA, other organizations in the US that administer credit systems for physicians include the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association. Please refer to those organizations for more information. See AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and AMA PRA Category 2 Credit™ above.

Example:

Designation Statement:

The Urgent Care Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 30.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

If an accredited provider is offering MOC credit for an activity for more than one certifying board, they may choose to combine the information into one recognition statement for the activity. The provider must ensure that the statement includes the board name, and amount and type of credit for each board. Below is an example of how this might be communicated for an activity offering ABIM and ABP:

“Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to:

-10 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program; and

-10 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.

It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM or ABP MOC credit.”

Providers should include instructions to the learners about any steps they must take to initiate the transfer

