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Dear Dr. Kopelow:

The Society for Academic CME (SACME) is pleased to offer a response to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) calls for comment dated January 22, 2010. SACME has also submitted individual responses via the ACCME's website per the instructions.

SACME response to ACCME Call #1 – Complaints and Inquiries Process:

The Society for Academic CME supports the ACCME proposed process for handling complaints and inquiries. As a Society whose membership is comprised of CME providers and researchers, we recognize there is a need to balance transparency with confidentiality. The proposed process for handling complaints and inquiries appears to achieve this balance by allowing providers to systematically improve internal processes to address a specific complaint or issue in a manner similar to the ACCME accreditation process, a process that is designed to enhance CME provider performance. SACME also supports making public the change in a provider's accreditation status, if and when an investigation merits that change.

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SACME response to ACCME Call #2 – Knowledge-based CME Activities

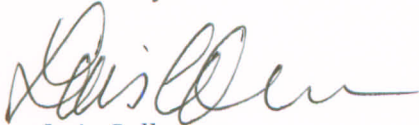
The Society for Academic CME supports ACCME's Option A as it acknowledges the role knowledge-based CME can play in our efforts to change physicians' performance and, ultimately, patient outcomes. Explicit language about knowledge-based CME in the ACCME criteria is also in alignment with the ABMS and ACGME core competencies. That being said, our support of Option A in no way lessens our Society's commitment to advocate for CME activities that seek to achieve higher level learning outcomes. CME providers must implement a balanced portfolio of educational activities. SACME will continue to advocate for CME activities that support the continuous professional development of physicians, including PI-CME.

SACME response to ACCME Call #3 – Simpler Procedure for Recognized State and Territory Medical Societies

SACME is not responding to the proposed changes in the ACCME Recognition Process as this does not impact our membership.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these ACCME Calls for Comment,

Sincerely,



Lois Colburn
President