

SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO THE AOA ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AOA CATEGORY 1 CME SPONSORS – SECTION IV CHANGES

SUBMITTED BY: Council on Continuing Medical Education

REFERRED TO:

1 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Healthcare Facility Accreditation
2 Program (HFAP) has been acquired by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory
3 Health Care (AAAHC); and

4 WHEREAS, the management and operations of HFAP has been place under the direction of
5 AAAHC’s hospital accreditation arm, the Accreditation Association for Hospitals and
6 Health Systems (AAHHS); and

7 WHEREAS, healthcare facilities had to be HFAP accredited to be eligible to apply for
8 recognition as an AOA Category 1 CME Sponsor; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that all healthcare facilities that are currently accredited and recognized as an
10 AOA Category 1 CME Sponsor be “Grandfathered in” and remain as a Category 1
11 CME sponsor; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, that *the AOA Accreditation Requirements for AOA Category 1 CME Sponsors*, Section
13 IV: Criteria for AOA-Accredited Category 1 CME Sponsor, Subsection 4.1, be
14 amended as follows:

15 f. Healthcare facilities with Osteopathically-oriented GME training programs may apply for
16 recognition as an AOA Accredited Category 1 CME Sponsor ~~Healthcare Facilities that~~
17 ~~are HFAP accredited/or have AOA approved training programs.~~

Explanatory Statement: Due to the HFAP acquisition that occurred in October 2015, the Council on Continuing Medical Education (CCME) indicated that hospitals should remain as AOA Category 1 CME Sponsors until they withdraw or lose their accreditation. This recommendation impacts 55 CME Sponsors. The CCME reviewed a request from a hospital indicating that it will not continue under AAAHC as their accrediting body. CCME was also informed that the hospital is the only AOA accredited hospital in the vicinity and is the only AOA accredited CME sponsor on the west side of the state of Colorado. After approval of this resolution, hospitals that are AOA Category 1 CME Sponsors will be notified accordingly. In addition, the Chair of the Council on CME appointed a subcommittee to define the criteria that would make any hospital eligible to apply for recognition as an AOA Category 1 CME Sponsor. The subcommittee is to report back at the next meeting of the CCME scheduled for November 2016.

ACTION TAKEN _____

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