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May 10, 2017

The Honorable Howard A. Zucker, MD, JD, LL.M.
Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower Building
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Commissioner Zucker:

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society (NYSOMS) is writing to request an amendment to the New York State Department of Health’s Mandatory Prescriber Education Guidance (Guidance) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The Guidance and FAQs provide a list of organizations which accredit continuing medical education (CME) courses which can be used to satisfy New York’s mandatory prescriber education requirements, but fail to recognize AOA accredited CME for osteopathic physicians (DOs). The FAQs mention that coursework required by an AOA specialty board recertification program may count toward the requirements, but we request that the AOA be included among the enumerated organizations providing accredited CME.

The AOA represents nearly 130,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students, including over 6,000 in New York. The AOA promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for DOs and is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical schools. More information on DOs/osteopathic medicine can be found at www.osteopathic.org. NYSOMS is a professional organization that represents the interests of the more than 6,000 DOs in New York.

We respectfully request the following amendments:

Mandatory Prescriber Education Guidance

p. 1 “Accrediting organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

- **American Osteopathic Association (AOA);**
- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME);...

Frequently Asked Questions about Mandatory Prescriber Education

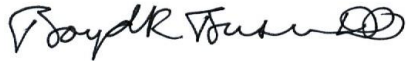
p. 6 “Accrediting organizations include, but are not limited to the following: **AOA, ACCME...**”

p. 7 “DOH will consider all course work or training accredited by, but not limited to, one of the following; **AOA, ACCME...**”

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The AOA appreciates your consideration of our request for an amendment. Should you have any questions, please contact Nick Schilligo, AOA's Associate Vice President for State Government Affairs, at nschilligo@osteopathic.org or (312) 202-8185.

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