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**To: Prospective COM Applicants**

**From: Director, Division of Predoctoral Education**

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We are providing you with information about the accreditation requirements of the AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation for colleges of osteopathic medicine. You will find our *Accreditation of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine COM Accreditation Standards and Procedures* posted at [www.aococa.org](http://www.aococa.org).

Following the request for evaluation of an application, an applicant college of osteopathic medicine would seek pre-accreditation. Pre-accreditation is defined in Chapter II: Applicant and Accreditation Procedures of the *Accreditation of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine COM Accreditation Standards and Procedure*. All applicants for pre-accreditation must make application as described in this Section, under Feasibility Study. In order for an entity to develop a college of osteopathic medicine with the intent of presenting an application for accreditation to the AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, it is incumbent upon that entity to first identify the interested individuals or groups most likely to provide the necessary community support, e.g. interested individuals in that community; the state osteopathic association.

The fees for accreditation of colleges of osteopathic medicine are established as follows:

- Application fee for a new college of osteopathic medicine: \$32,000 (2008 and 2009)
- Branch Campus application fee: \$32,000 (2008 and 2009)
- Pre-accreditation fee, to be charged each year a new College of Osteopathic Medicine is awarded pre-accreditation: \$19,300 (2008) and \$21,081 (2009)
- Provisional accreditation fee, to be charged each year a College of Osteopathic Medicine is awarded provisional accreditation: \$38,500 (2008) and \$40,281 (2009)
- Accreditation fee, to be charged to each fully accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine and each Branch Campus annually: \$33,500 (2008) and \$35,281 (2009)
- The direct cost of all on-site accreditation visits is charged to each College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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