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CALL FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Comprehensive Review of ADA CERP Recognition Standards

The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) plans to conduct a comprehensive review of the ADA CERP Recognition Standards over the next two years. As an initial step in the process, the Commission is requesting comments from interested parties regarding the Recognition Standards, in particular, areas where revisions may be needed. Comments are requested by August 1, 2015, and will be reviewed by the Commission at its meeting in September.

The ADA CERP Recognition Standards form the basis for evaluating continuing dental education providers and recognizing those that meet certain basic standards of educational quality. The Standards were last reviewed in 2008. The planned comprehensive review will help ensure that ADA CERP Recognition Standards continue to establish relevant criteria for quality continuing dental education. As part of this process, the Commission will also review accreditation standards for continuing education in other health professions, and consider best practices for conducting programmatic accreditation and recognition.

The Continuing Education Recognition Program was created to assist the dental profession in identifying and participating in quality continuing dental education. Specific objectives of the program are to:

- Improve the educational quality of continuing dental education programs through self-evaluation conducted by the CE program provider in relation to the ADA CERP Standards;
- Assure participants that recognized CE providers have the organizational structure and resources necessary to provide CE activities of acceptable educational quality, that assist the participant in providing an enhanced level of patient care;
- Promote uniform standards for continuing dental education;
- Assist regulatory agencies and other organizations in identifying those CE providers whose activities are acceptable for credit toward licensure or membership requirements.

Any revisions to the Standards that CCEPR may propose as a result of its review and evaluation will be circulated to the communities of interest for input.

Written comments are due by **August 1, 2015** and may be directed to cerp@ada.org or mailed to

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