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ANNOUNCEMENT

Revised ADA CERP Recognition Standards Approved

The ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure has approved revisions to the [ADA CERP Recognition Standards and Procedures](#), eligibility criteria, and recognition policies.

Revisions to the Standards and policies fall in the following general areas:

1. New guidelines regarding the separation of promotional activities from continuing dental education activities, management of commercial funding and disclosure of financial relationships;
2. New provisions regarding the role and composition of the independent advisory committee;
3. Additions to the Lexicon of Terms, including definitions for conflict of interest and relevant financial relationships;
4. Revisions to the joint sponsorship policy, including a new standardized statement to be published in conjunction with the authorized ADA CERP recognition statement for jointly sponsored CE activities;
5. Changes to the eligibility criteria allowing individual providers to apply for ADA CERP recognition and eliminating the requirement that providers offer multiple courses;
6. Lengthening time providers are required to keep CE records record from 3 years to 6 years.

Changes to the ADA CERP Standards were made in conjunction with the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) in order to establish consistent standards for continuing dental education. The Council also considered feedback submitted by the communities of interest in response to a call for comments on the proposed revisions in the summer of 2009.

ADA CERP approved providers should review the revised [Standards](#) and policies and assess internal policies and procedures to identify any changes that may need to be made to bring their CE programs into compliance. The first cohort of providers to be evaluated on compliance with the revised Standards will be those with recognition terms expiring December 2011. All applications submitted after January 14, 2011, will be assessed for compliance with the revised Standards.

ADA CERP will also accept applications from individual CE providers meeting the CERP eligibility criteria beginning January 15, 2011.

Information to help providers interpret and implement the ADA CERP Recognition Standards will be developed in the coming months and posted on the ADA web site. ADA CERP recognized providers will be notified by email as supplemental information becomes available.

For more information about ADA CERP policies and procedures contact ADA CERP staff at 800-621-8099 ext. 2869 or visit www.ada.org/goto/cerp.