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ADA CERP Providers' Annual Report Data

ADA CERP currently recognizes a total of 428 national providers of continuing dental education. As part of the ADA CERP Provider's Annual Report, CERP requests a summary regarding the number of continuing dental education activities each provider offered in the previous year, the total hours of instruction offered in those activities, and the total number of participants. Data submitted by CERP approved providers regarding their 2011 CE activities have been compiled in the ADA CERP 2012 Annual Report. The full report will be available at www.ada.org/cerp. Some highlights of the report:

Continuing Dental Education (CDE) Activities Offered by ADA CERP Approved Providers in 2011	
ADA CERP nationally recognized providers	426
Total CDE activities offered	22,564
Total hours of CDE instruction offered	187,102
Total dentist participants	697,092
Total non-dentist participants	632,371

This information will be collected annually and aggregated data published to provide insights into the size

and scope of “accredited” continuing dental education.

CDEL to Consider New Governance Structure for CERP

At its November meeting, the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) charged the CERP Committee with developing a detailed proposal for restructuring ADA CERP. Under consideration is a proposal to separate ADA CERP from CDEL, and reconfigure it as a new agency under the umbrella of the ADA, with oversight by a governing board representative of stakeholder groups, with authority to approve CE providers and develop and approve recognition standards and policies. The decision to explore a new model was made after reviewing the organizational structures of other accrediting agencies in continuing education for the healthcare professions, analyzing CERP’s current structure and CE environment, and assessing the advantages and disadvantages of several alternate models.

Establishing a firewall between the ADA (as a CERP approved provider) and CERP, through the creation of an agency separate from CDEL, reflects best practices in continuing education accreditation. As a separate agency, CERP’s ability to conduct policy and recognition decisions independent of other ADA organizational interests would be protected, and the program’s reputation as an impartial, respected accrediting body enhanced. Furthermore, such separation would bring CERP into alignment with regulations designed to promote continuing education independent of commercial interests.

The Council will consider the CERP Committee’s proposal at its April 2013 meeting. At that time, if the Council elects to pursue this further, it will circulate information about the proposal and invite comments from communities of interest.

Application Form to be Revised

A comprehensive review of the CERP application forms used to evaluate and approve providers and determine recognition status is underway. The Standard Application form was last revised in 2008. The Abbreviated Application, for providers that have demonstrated significant compliance with the CERP Recognition Standards, has not been revised since it was first developed in 2007.

The CERP Committee routinely solicits feedback from providers about the application process through a post-application survey. Although some survey respondents indicate that completing the application is a valuable educational process, a consistent number of others comment that the forms ask for the same information more than once, contributing to a cumbersome process.

The CERP Committee plans to eliminate redundancies and provide clear instructions in order to facilitate the review process. At the same time, CERP will maintain its commitment to establishing consistent standards for CE providers to assist dental professionals in identifying scientifically sound CE that promotes oral health and protects the public.

Initial Recognition Term for New Providers

Beginning with the spring 2013 application cycle, continuing dental education providers that are not ADA CERP approved may apply for an initial recognition term of two years. Previously, new providers were eligible for 2-, 3-, or 4-year terms, the same as providers applying for continued recognition. Newly approved providers will benefit from evaluation after a shorter initial recognition period. This will help to ensure that new providers have a solid understanding of CERP requirements and that any recommendations for improvements are addressed in a timely manner. After the 2-year initial recognition term, providers will be eligible for 2-, 3-, or 4-year terms, based on their demonstrated compliance with the CERP Standards and Criteria. This change does not affect currently approved providers.

Call for Proposals: Accredited CE on Long-Acting/Extended Release Opioids

As part of a multi-agency initiative to protect the public from serious harm due to the misuse, abuse and diversion of prescription drugs, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requiring manufacturers of long-acting, extended-release (LA/ER) opioid analgesics to develop risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS) for this class of drugs. One of the mandated REMS requires manufacturers of LA/ER opioids to support accredited continuing education for prescribers of these drugs, with the goal of reaching as many of the estimated 750,000 prescribers as possible.

The FDA expects the prescriber training to be conducted by accredited, independent continuing education (CE) providers, that are engaged in or represent healthcare professionals who provide direct patient care (e.g., schools of medicine, pharmacy or nursing, hospitals, professional associations, or governmental organizations). Funding for the development and administration of LA/ER opioid REMS will be provided by the manufacturers of these drugs through a grant application process. It is expected that the courses will be offered free of charge to healthcare professionals.

The FDA has developed an approved course “blueprint” containing a basic outline and the core messages that FDA believes should be conveyed to prescribers in a basic two- to three-hour educational module. Information about the LA/ER opioid REMS is available on the FDA web site at <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm163647.htm>.

Complete Information on applying for grants to develop LA/ER opioid REMS CE is available at <http://www.er-la-opioidrems.com/lwgUI/remsc/ce.action>. An initial request for applications was conducted this fall; additional cycles are planned for 2013. ADA CERP approved providers interested in developing CE activities to meet this need should check this site periodically for more information on the grant application process.

CERP Recognition Actions in 2012

ADA CERP now recognizes a total of 428 national providers of continuing dental education. In 2012, the CERP Committee reviewed a total of 32 applications from new providers, 119 applications for continued

recognition, 22 progress reports, and 5 requests for reconsideration of intent to withdraw recognition. In addition, the Committee reviewed 4 complaints against approved providers.

Providers Awarded 4-year Terms of Recognition—Fall 2012

Congratulations to the following CE providers that were awarded four-year terms of recognition in September 2012:

Academy of Interdisciplinary Dentofacial Therapy
American Dental Association
American Prosthodontic Society
Aspen Dental Management, Inc.
Chesapeake Health Education Program, Inc.
Classic Practice Resources, Inc.
Dental Implant Training Center
Emory University School of Medicine
Farran Media
Greater New York Dental Meeting
Health ComplianceTeam, Inc.
iDent Dental at Middletown
Indiana University School of Dentistry
Integrated Media Solutions Inc./DentalLearning.com
Long Island Dental Study Club
Mattiaccio Orthodontics
MetLife Quality Initiatives Program
National Dentex Corp.
New-Conn Orthodontic Foundation
Nierman Practice Management
October University for Modern Sciences & Arts - MSA
Operative Dentistry, Inc.
Penobscot Community Dental Center
The Dawson Academy
The Richmond Institute for CE/Division of Young Innovations
University of California - San Francisco - School of Dentistry
University of Florida - College of Dentistry
University of Puerto Rico, School of Dental Medicine
Wichita State University, College of Health

Professions Providers Awarded 3-year Terms of Recognition—Fall 2012

Congratulations to the following CE providers that were awarded three-year terms of recognition in September 2012:

Affordable CE Credits, Inc.
American Academy of Craniofacial Pain
American Academy of Restorative Dentistry
Bergen County Dental Society
Brooklyn Hospital Center, Department of Dentistry, OMS
CIGNA Dental
Connecticut State Dental Association
Conscious Sedation Consulting, LLC
Dental Management Coalition, Inc.
DentaQuest
District of Columbia Dental Society
Georgia Dental Association
Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Home Study Educators, Inc. (HSE)
Home Study Solutions.com, Inc.
International Academy of Endodontics
JP Consultants Institute
Maryland State Dental Association
New York Academy of Dentistry
New York State Dental Association
Pacific Training Institute for Facial Aesthetics
Pennsylvania Dental Association
Special Care Dentistry Association
University of Connecticut - School of Dental Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center - College of Dentistry
University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine
University of North Carolina School of Dentistry
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
University of Tennessee College of Dentistry
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Wake Forest University

Spring 2013 Application Deadline

Applications and progress reports for the spring 2013 decision cycle are due January 4, 2013. If your organization's recognition term ends this December you should have received an email with the

application for continued recognition and a packet containing tabs and a checklist.

If you have not received these materials, please contact ADA CERP staff at 312-440-2869 or cerp@ada.org. If you do not intend to apply for continued recognition, please submit written notice of your intent to withdraw voluntarily from the program on your organization's letterhead.

Comments, Suggestions, or Questions about ADA CERP

The purpose of the ADA CERP Provider Newsletter is to inform recognized providers and other interested audiences about issues and changes related to ADA CERP. We welcome your inquiries and input about ADA CERP. Suggestions for content for the newsletter are also appreciated.

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