The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) met on March 31–April 1, 2016 at the ADA Headquarters Building. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Commission:

1. The Commission considered 14 new applications for recognition, 55 applications for continued recognition, four progress reports and one complaint. The Commission granted recognition or continued recognition to a total of 65 providers of continuing dental education, including 12 new applicants. Recognition was withdrawn from five providers for failure to meet program requirements. The Commission discontinued recognition of four providers at the request of the providers. Including the Commission's April 2016 actions on recognition, 445 CE providers are ADA CERP recognized. The Commission also approved four Pre-Application Eligibility Surveys from international providers.

2. Approved revisions to CERP Standard XIII clarifying that providers offering courses in which patients are treated are responsible for meeting applicable local requirements related to dental licensure and liability protection, and added a requirement that patient informed consent in these courses must include the name and contact information for the clinician(s) responsible for answering questions, addressing concerns, and providing any necessary completion of treatment and post-treatment care. Revisions will be published in April 2016. Providers will be required to demonstrate compliance with the revised patient protection criteria set forth in Standard XIII beginning with the Fall 2017 ADA CERP application.

3. Received a report from the Commission’s Standards Revision Subcommittee regarding results of the March 2016 CERP Standards validity and reliability survey of stakeholders, and supported the Subcommittee’s approach to simplifying the CERP Standards, with drafts of proposed revisions to be considered at the Commission’s September 2016 meeting.

4. Resolved to initiate a strategic planning process to develop a mission statement, goals, and strategies supportive of the Commission’s mission, functions and fiscal sustainability, with a strategic planning session scheduled for the Commission’s meeting in September 2016.

5. Approved a 4% increase in ADA CERP fees for 2017 for providers based in the United States and Canada, and an 8% increase in international provider fees.

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