



Call for Comment —ACCME's Recognition Process

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Description: *ACCME Chief Executive, Murray Kopelow, MD, explains a new Call for Comment on a new and simpler procedure for receiving and analyzing information from Recognized state and territory medical societies.*

The ACCME is proposing a new process for the Recognition of state accreditors of CME providers. We're **not** proposing new standards for accreditation and we're **not** proposing new standards for Recognition. We're proposing a new **process** for Recognition, and we want your comments.

Recognition is the process by which ACCME certifies that state-based organizations meet the Recognition standards. Recognition is an important link to credit from the American Medical Association and from the American Medical Association's *Physician's Recognition Award*, because only organizations accredited in the United States by the ACCME or by organizations recognized by the ACCME can designate activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

Up until now, the ACCME has used a traditional self-study process. We're now proposing a simpler model for ACCME's process of Recognition. This new process is more of a continuous model. Basically, what ACCME is asking, is that the state accreditors will send to the ACCME information that is descriptive of how they are making accreditation decisions. They will send information on their accreditation decisions and what the outcomes of their accreditation decisions are. On the basis of this array of information, the ACCME will make a judgment regarding that organization's compliance with the Recognition requirements. The organization will maintain its status of Recognition on the basis of the information provided. If by chance, changes need to be made, the new information can be provided to the ACCME, who will again give feedback to the state organization and maintain that organization's status of Recognition.

ACCME invites your comments on this proposed process.

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