

## Joint Sponsorship

- 89-A-01 Beginning to participate in joint sponsorship represents a major change in the overall program of an accredited provider which must be reported to the ACCME.
- 94-A-06 A provider which is placed on probation should provide information to the ACCME on all existing joint sponsorship relationships. The provider must notify its current contracted joint sponsors of its probationary status. (amended 7/98)
- 94-C-07 Providers who choose to initiate joint sponsorship subsequent to the granting of full accreditation or reaccreditation, must notify the ACCME of their intention to joint sponsor. (amended 7/98)
- 96-B-04 Initial applicants, during their period of provisional accreditation, may not act as joint sponsors of continuing medical education activities with non-accredited entities unless already accredited by a state medical society. Organizations achieving ACCME provisional accreditation after a period of full accreditation by a state medical society may continue to joint sponsor with unaccredited providers if: 1) previously presented joint sponsorship activities are available for review by ACCME; 2) the provider is, at the time of initial ACCME survey deemed to be in at least substantial compliance with ACCME's Joint Sponsorship Policies and Procedures; and 3) the provider has been previously surveyed, and their ongoing joint sponsorship activities have been found to be in at least substantial compliance with ACCME's Joint Sponsorship Policies and Procedures. (amended 7/98)
- 96-B-05 In cases where two ACCME or state medical society accredited providers merge to become a new entity (or consortium), the pre-application process will be omitted. There is a provision to waive the restriction on joint sponsorship in cases where the newly merged entity demonstrates the ability to provide such by demonstrating that: 1) previously presented joint sponsorship activities are available for review by ACCME; 2) the provider is, at the time of initial ACCME survey deemed to be in at least substantial compliance with ACCME's Joint Sponsorship Policies and Procedures; and 3) at least one of the pre-merger entities has been previously surveyed, and their ongoing joint sponsorship activities have been found to be in at least substantial compliance with ACCME's Joint Sponsorship Policies and Procedures. (amended 7/98)
- 96-C-07 **JOINT SPONSORSHIP:**
- Definition: Activity Planning and Presentation in Partnership with Non-Accredited Providers
- Intent: The accredited provider shall accept responsibility that the ACCME's Accreditation Policies and Procedures are met when educational activities are planned and presented in joint sponsorship with non-accredited providers.
1. The accredited provider must be able to provide to the ACCME written documentation that demonstrates how each such jointly sponsored CME activity was planned and implemented in compliance with the ACCME's Accreditation Policies and Procedures. Material submitted can be from files of either the accredited provider or the non-accredited provider.
  2. All printed materials for jointly sponsored activities must carry the appropriate accreditation statement.
  3. If two or more accredited providers are involved in an activity, then one of them must assume responsibility for the activity and this must be clearly indicated through the appropriate accreditation statement.

For full text of the accreditation statements, see policy 99-A-15.

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A provider, while on probation, may not act as a joint sponsor of continuing medical education activities with non-accredited entities, except for those activities that were contracted prior to the decision of probation.

