

Continuing Pharmacy Education



Provider eUpdate

Dear Providers,

Happy New Year! ACPE hopes you had a wonderful holiday season and wishes you a happy and healthy beginning to 2009.

The following topics are addressed in this issue:

1. CPE Standards
2. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
3. Standards for Commercial Support (SCS)
4. Administrative Items

For a short-cut to the prior versions of the CPE Provider eUpdate, please <[click here](#)>.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact ACPE staff for questions related to CPE activities (ceinfo@acpe-accredit.org | (312) 664-3575).

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1. CPE Standards

The new CPE Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education went into effect January 1, 2009. Please see the following links for the standards and evaluation form. Stay tuned for the next eUpdate for additional information and guidance templates for the new standards.

Accreditation Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education

Effective January 1, 2009

[Download Adobe Acrobat File](#) (164 KB)

CPE Evaluation Forms - Standards (Rubric v1.0)

Effective January 1, 2009

[Evaluation Form-All Standards PDF](#) (240 KB)

[Evaluation Form-All Standards Word](#) (548 KB)

2. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)

PhRMA has released an updated and enhanced voluntary Code on relationships with U.S. healthcare professionals effective January 2009. Providers should familiarize themselves with the content for current guidance regarding interactions with healthcare professionals. Please see the following links for additional information

[Overview Memo](#)

[PhRMA Code Document](#)

3. Standards for Commercial Support (SCS)

Updated Definition of a Commercial Interest - the initial screening survey is complete and has been reviewed by ACPE Staff and the CPE Commission. A follow-up survey is in final stages of development and will be distributed to select providers during the week of January 12, 2009. The results of the follow-up survey along with any verbal conversations with select providers (if necessary) will be discussed at the next CPE Commission Meeting in May 2009 and then the ACPE Board of Directors Meeting in June 2009. Additional communications regarding any ACPE actions will occur after the June 2009 Board of Director's Meeting.

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4. Administrative Items

Annual Activity Update (AAU)

Providers are reminded that they can access the web tool section for the AAU to update any participants who have received statements of credit for activities offered during the 6/1/08 – 5/31/09 timeframe. In the spirit of the New Year, feel free to get a jump start on data entry prior to the early August 2009 deadline.

Provider Statement

ACPE wishes to take this opportunity to remind all providers to recheck your provider statements on all template and internal documents. This item is consistently cited as non-compliant in the accreditation review process. The correct provider statement is as follows:

(name of Provider) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

Provider Web Tool – Release Date

Providers are reminded that they can change any of the web tool fields prior to the occurrence of the entered release date. Once the entered release date has passed, you must contact ACPE for select changes. If you have activities that are pending or delayed due to various circumstances, please extend the release date for a time point further in the future so you don't get 'locked out' because the release date has passed.

Provider Verification Form

Providers are reminded to review the provider verification form to assure that ACPE has the correct information on file for your organization. This database is ACPE's primary source of information for direct contact to providers.

Please logon to the web tool, click on provider verification form and review all current information. If a change is needed, please click on "make changes" and update all necessary information. Once all changes are made, you may then click on "submit changes" and ACPE will be notified.