

ACPE's Criteria for Quality: Adoption of ACCME 2004 Standards for Commercial Support

- Approved by ACPE Board of Directors in October 2006
- Distributed to providers on February 12, 2007
- Transition through December 31, 2007
- Evaluation began January 1, 2008

- CPE Standard 5 - Guidelines
 - 5.1 Independence
 - 5.2 Resolution of Personal Conflict of Interest
 - 5.3 Appropriate Use of Commercial Support
 - 5.4 Appropriate Management of Associated Commercial Promotion
 - 5.5 Content and Format without Commercial Bias
 - 5.6 Disclosures Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias



SCS - Commercial Interest Definition

- Policy Update – At the January 2008 ACPE Board of Directors Meeting, the members approved adoption of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's (ACCME's) updated policies released in August 2007. The primary policy change that may affect CPE providers is the updated definition of a commercial interest.

- Original Definition
 - A “commercial interest” is defined as any proprietary entity producing health care goods or services.

- Updated Definition
 - A ‘commercial interest’ is any entity producing, marketing, reselling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. Providers of clinical service directly to patients are not ‘commercial interests.’

