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TO: ACPE-Accredited Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Providers

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RE: Modifications to Standards for Commercial Support (SCS)

ACPE has implemented the following changes to the Standards for Commercial Support (SCS) to prohibit the use of commercial interest logos in the disclosure of commercial support to learners. The change includes modifications to Guideline 4 (SCS 5.4) and Guideline 6 (SCS 5.6) as shown below. Additions are in bold font.

**Guideline 4 (SCS 5.4): Appropriate Management of Associated Commercial Promotion**  
Educational materials that are part of a CPE activity, such as slides, abstracts and handouts, cannot contain any advertising, **corporate logo**, trade name or a product-group message **of an ACPE-defined commercial interest**.

**Guideline 6 (SCS 5.6): Disclosures Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias**  
Disclosure of commercial support must never include the use of a **corporate logo**, trade name or a product-group message **of an ACPE-defined commercial interest**.

The modifications are effective immediately. However, accredited providers are not expected to change or reprint any materials that currently exist. Accredited providers will be expected to make any necessary changes to CPE materials by May 2015.