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Dear Pharmacy Dean:

At its January 26-28, 2022, meeting, the ACPE Board of Directors voted to end the requirement that programs administer the Pharmacy Curriculum Outcomes Assessment (PCOA) effective immediately, although programs may continue to administer it if they so choose. A new version of Standards 2016 is not needed to effect this change as it is within the scope of Key Element 24.2, which details the expectations of standardized and comparative assessments “as required by ACPE.” ACPE is no longer requiring PCOA. As previously communicated to you, ACPE has waived the PCOA requirement since the beginning of the 2020 academic year in light of the challenges programs are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs finding the use of PCOA informative are encouraged to continue administering the instrument and using its findings in their assessment activities, including reporting results in their self-studies and other reporting to ACPE. The terms for continued use of PCOA for those wishing to do so will be established between the program and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), the originators and sole owners of the rights to PCOA.

ACPE staff are available to answer any questions you have about this change in required reporting to ACPE.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet P. Engle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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