

REQUIREMENTS FOR CME PROVIDERS

ACCME ACCREDITATION AND AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CREDIT™ - The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education (CME). Through its Office of Continuing Medical Education, the College of Medicine approves educational activities that meet the criteria as defined by the American Medical Association for “CME” activities. The UAMS OCME designates credit for activities that meet the requirements so physicians who attend them may use the credits to (1) maintain licensure, (2) meet specialty board requirements, (3) obtain hospital privileges, and (4) apply for the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA), if so desired.

Accredited providers do not designate activities to receive “ACCME” credit nor do they issue “CME” credit. Providers designate *AMA PRA Category 1 credit™*. The AMA, on the other hand, does not certify or designate credit nor do they record credit that is awarded to physicians for attending CME activities. The AMA relies on the 2500 ACCME accredited providers throughout the US and Canada to handle that responsibility and allows accredited providers to designate “Category 1 Credit” for qualified CME activities.

RECENT CHANGES IN AMA REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITED PROVIDERS

AMA Trademark Protection The AMA recently asserted trademark protection for the intellectual property rights through the required use of the phrase *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* in the Credit Designation Statement or whenever the phrase is used in any publication.

New Credit Designation Statement The new AMA PRA credit system Designation Statement reflects this and other changes as follows:

*“The [Name of the Provider] designates this educational activity for a maximum of [number of credits] **AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)™**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.”*

The following is a guide to create the trademark symbol:

- In Microsoft Word, either insert the ™ symbol or type (tm), which will automatically convert into superscript.
- Both the ™ symbol and the italics are required.

Requirements for Activity Announcements Activity announcements include all materials (printed brochures or electronic) that provide awareness of the activity to the target physician audience. Any announcement, if it references the maximum number of credits for which the provider has designated the activity, must clearly include the complete Designation Statement exactly as it is stated above.

Save the Date Card A “save the date” announcement (such as a card mailer with limited space) may indicate that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* will be provided without stating an exact amount, but only if the provider has already certified the activity for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. This announcement may read,

“This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*”.

Providers may **never** publish or announce, “*AMA PRA Category 1 credit™* has been applied for.”

New Requirements for International Physicians International physicians are now formally eligible for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* without a provider application process; the “U.S. licensed” requirement is eliminated.

Faculty Teaching at CME Activities Accredited providers can now award *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* to faculty for teaching at their designated live activities.

- Faculty may be awarded two (2) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for each hour they present at a live activity that is designated for such credit.
- Faculty may not claim simultaneous credit as physician learners for sessions at which they present; however, they may claim participant credit for sessions they attend as a learner at a designated activity.
- Credit may be claimed only once for repeated presentations.

Performance Improvement and Internet Point of Care Four new formats have been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, most recently performance improvement and Internet point of care learning.

Refer to the AMA’s Website to get a copy of the AMA PRA booklet for more information about the AMA PRA credit system and to learn what non-designated activities qualify for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. www.ama-assn.org/go/pr.