

Changes approved at the 2016 Mid-Year Meeting and included in the 2016-2018 AOA CME Accreditation Guide

Resolution B-11

- The number of AOA Category 1A credits that may be earned from real time, interactive CME was increased to 15 (the previous limit was 9). [Link to accreditation manual rule](#)
- Sponsors are encouraged to include osteopathic tenets and osteopathically recognized elements in programs. [Link to accreditation manual rule](#)
- Sponsors are no longer required to have programs pre-approved. If a sponsor is accredited in good standing, they must use the following language on their marketing materials:
The [name of CME Sponsor] is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to provide osteopathic continuing medical education for physicians. The [name of the CME Sponsor] designates this program for a maximum of [number] of AOA Category 1-A credits and will report CME and specialty credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity.
[Link to accreditation manual rule](#)
- The document survey process for reaccreditation will include measures to evaluate compliance with specialty credit reporting. *This rule/new document survey has not yet been posted.*
- CME sponsors must file programs to the AOA no later than 90 days following the CME activity. [Link to accreditation manual rule](#)

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- Sponsors shall send program attendees an outcome survey no sooner than 14 days and no later than 30 days following conclusion of the program. [Link to accreditation manual rule](#) **Please note that there is a discrepancy in this rule – the accreditation manual [document survey](#) states, “Within 14 days and no later than 30 days”. I believe the document survey is in error.*

Changes under consideration

- [Resolution B-4](#) Allows AOA 1-A credit for completion of postgraduate studies (such as an MBA program).
- [Resolution B-5](#) Allows GME programs that our osteopathically recognized apply as an AOA accredited category 1 CME sponsor.
- [Resolution B-6](#) Changes the timeline of accreditation for CME sponsors up to 5 years based on the document survey score