

## WSMA DECISION-MAKING GRID FOR UPDATED CRITERIA

CRITERIA	Level 1 Provider Provisional Accreditation	Level 2 Provider Full Accreditation	Level 3 Provider Accreditation with Commendation
1. The provider has a CME mission statement that includes all of the basic components (CME purpose, content areas, target audience, type of activities, expected results) with expected results articulated in terms of changes in competence, performance, or patient outcomes that will be the result of the program.			
2. The provider incorporates into CME activities the educational needs (knowledge, competence, or performance) that underlie the professional practice gaps of their own learners.			
3. The provider generates activities/educational interventions that are designed to change competence, performance, or patient outcomes as described in its mission statement.			
4. The provider generates activities/educational interventions around content that matches the learners' current or potential scope of professional activities.			
5. The provider chooses educational formats for activities/interventions that are appropriate for the setting, objectives and desired results of the activity.			
6. The provider develops activities/educational interventions in the context of desirable physician attributes (e.g., IOM competencies, ACGME Competencies).			
7. The provider develops activities/educational interventions independent of commercial interests (SCS 1, 2 and 6).			
8. The provider appropriately manages commercial support (if applicable, SCS 3).			
9. The provider maintains a separation of promotion from education (SCS 4).			
10. The provider actively promotes improvements in health care and NOT proprietary interests of a commercial interest (SCS 5).			
11. The provider analyzes changes in learners (competence, performance, or patient outcomes) achieved as a result of the overall program's activities/educational interventions.			
12. The provider gathers data or information and conducts a program-based analysis on the degree to which the CME mission of the provider has been met through the conduct of CME activities/educational interventions.			
13. The provider identifies, plans and implements the needed or desired changes in the overall program (e.g., planners, teachers, infrastructure, methods, resources, facilities, interventions) that are required to improve on ability to meet the CME mission.			
14. The provider demonstrates that identified program changes or improvements, that are required to improve on the provider's ability to meet the CME mission, are underway or completed.			
15. The provider demonstrates that the impacts of program improvements, that are required to improve on the provider's ability to meet the CME mission, are measured.			
16. The provider operates in a manner that integrates CME into the process for improving professional practice.			
17. The provider utilizes non-education strategies to enhance change as an adjunct to its activities/educational interventions (e.g., reminders, patient feedback).			
18. The provider identifies factors outside the provider's control that impact on patient outcomes.			
19. The provider implements educational strategies to remove, overcome or address barriers to physician change.			
20. The provider builds bridges with other stakeholders through collaboration and cooperation.			
21. The provider participates within an institutional or system framework for quality improvement.			
22. The provider is positioned to influence the scope and content of activities/educational interventions.			
WS C1. The provider must have an organizational framework for the CME unit that provides the necessary resources to support its mission including support by the parent organization, if a parent organization exists.			
WS C2. Provider separates course planning and development functions from the course approval function.			
WS C3. When an unlabeled use of a commercial product, or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose is discussed during an educational activity, the accredited provider must have a policy for the speaker to disclose that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion or that the product is still investigational.			

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