



Policy on Joint Sponsorship

The American Academy of CME (Academy) accepts request to joint sponsor physician, nurse, pharmacist, and dietitian continuing education with medical education companies or organizations. Requests for joint sponsorship must be submitted to the Academy in writing. In order for the Academy to jointly sponsor a continuing education activity, we must work in partnership to ensure the appropriate accrediting agencies criteria and policies are met.

For CME certification, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education's (ACCME) Policy on Joint Sponsorship states, "either the accredited provider or its non-accredited joint sponsor can have control of identification of CME needs, determination of educational objectives, selection and presentation of content, selection of all persons and organizations that will be in a position to control the content of the CME, election of educational methods." However the Academy requires all documents to be submitted to the Academy prior to any proposal and/or grant request submission to a commercial interest, formal planning committee meeting held, and/or confirmation of potential faculty/authors.

Any company or organization wishing to joint sponsor with the Academy must participate, in an Internet Webinar entitled, *CME and Joint Sponsorship* prior to partnering for the first time.

The Academy requires all grant funding is to be in the form of an educational grant, payable to the Academy. The non-accredited joint sponsor must sign a joint sponsor agreement in which the non-accredited provider agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, and legal requirements of any entity having jurisdiction over continuing medical education. A signed three-way Commercial Support Letter of Agreement may substitute for the joint sponsor agreement, only if all components of compliance are included in the signed document.

The Academy has prepared a Policy and Procedure Manual for joint sponsorship. It is the responsibility of the joint sponsor to follow all policies and procedures included in this manual.

Failure to meet the Academy's requirements puts the Academy's accreditation status in jeopardy. Therefore the Academy reserves the right to withdraw certification of an educational activity if the joint sponsor does not adhere to these policies and procedures.