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TO: OFFICERS, COUNCILORS, AND TRUSTEES

**FR: MARK J. ADAMS, MD, MBA, FACR, MSSNY COMMISSIONER ON
MEDICAL EDUCATION
MIRIAM HARDIN, PHD, MANAGER, CONTINUING MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

Re: REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Report of the MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education

E. Kenneth Freiberg, MD

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education oversees the Subcommittee on Educational Programs (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Accredited Provider) and the Subcommittee on Surveys (which fulfills MSSNY's role as Recognized Accreditor). Each Subcommittee makes a report of their activities and decisions and the full Committee ratifies those decisions.

The Subcommittee on Surveys reports are provided by the Chair, Pauline Hecht, MD, FACS. The Subcommittee on Educational Programs reports are provided by Sheldon Putterman, MD, CCME, CMEP. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

Since the Council's November meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys and the Full CME Committee has met once, on December 22, 2017. The committee discussed whether to increase the fees charged for MSSNY-accredited providers, in light of increases in the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) fees for Recognized Accreditors, and MSSNY's fees for joint providership, in light of increases in the ACCME's fees for Accredited Providers. Members determined that further study is needed.

The committee also reviewed the ACCME's new opportunity for accredited CME providers to help clinicians earn performance incentives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education is scheduled to meet again on March 16, 2018.

Report of the Subcommittee on Education

Sheldon Putterman, MD, Chair

Since the last Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met once, on December 20, 2017. In that meeting, members approved five directly

provided activities and three jointly provided activities, as well as performing a post-activity analysis of two directly provided activities and one jointly provided activities. Post-activity analysis is performed to determine whether the activities achieved the learner changes for which they were designed, and is required of all ACCME-accredited providers.

The subcommittee's next conference call will take place on February 17, 2018.

Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys

Pauline Hecht, MD, Chair

Since the November 2017 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on December 22, 2017. At this meeting, one (1) MSSNY-Accredited Provider was submitted for reaccreditation. Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY was awarded an accreditation term. This decision was the result of a year-long process for reaccreditation that included submission of a written self-study, documentation review of performance in practice (activity files), and an interview between the survey team (members of the Subcommittee) and the representatives of the organization.

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Miscellaneous

As the ACCME Recognized Accreditor in New York State, MSSNY has awarded accreditation status to 30+ organizations across New York State. The MSSNY Office of Continuing Medical Education manages the accreditation of these organizations and holds a monthly web-conference with all MSSNY-accredited providers to discuss CME requirements and issues. Since the November 2017 Council meeting, this web-conference was held on December 6, 2017 and January 3, 2018.