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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, DO, Chair

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 the Chair, Charles Gonzalez, MD.

Since the Council's November meeting, the Full CME Committee has met once, on December 21, 2018. The committee took up once again House of Delegates Resolution 169, "Partnership on Continuing Medical Education," which had been introduced by the Seventh and Eighth District Branches, after having tabled the matter at the September 20, 2018 meeting. The committee's recommendation is appended as an action item for Council.

The committee also approved an update on MSSNY's "Annual Report" requirements for the CME providers that MSSNY accredits, in order to ensure that MSSNY-accredited providers do not have "extra" requirements that the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) does not impose upon ACCME-accredited providers. The Committee also made a decision to update instructions to accredited providers for the documentation they provide for CME-activity files for the reaccreditation process. This too was done to ensure alignment with ACCME practices.

In addition, the committee reviewed feedback from ACCME on "Markers of Equivalency" for State Medical Society accreditors. In all markers evaluated, MSSNY was found to be aligned with ACCME interpretations of the criteria in question.

The Continuing Medical Education Committee is scheduled to meet again on March 22, 2019

Report of the Subcommittee on Education
Charles Gonzalez, MD, Chair

Since the last Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs will have met three times: on November 21, 2018, on December 19, 2018, and on January 16, 2019. This report is being written before the January meeting. In November, the subcommittee approved one directly provided activity and one jointly provided activity. In December, the subcommittee approved six directly provided activities and completed post-activity review and analysis on four CME activities. At the time this report was written, the subcommittee was scheduled to perform two activity reviews and to make decisions on CME applications for one directly provided activity and two jointly provided activities, for the January 16, 2019 meeting.

Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys
Pauline Hecht, MD, Chair

Since the November 2018 Council meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on December 21, 2018. At this meeting, three (3) MSSNY-accredited CME providers were submitted for reaccreditation. PM Pediatrics, New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center were awarded accreditation terms. These decisions were 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.

This Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on March 22, 2019.

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 2018 Council meeting, this web-conference was held on December 12, 2018. At the time this report was written, the next web-conference was scheduled to take place on January 14, 2019.

December 21, 2018

TO: MSSNY Council

FROM: E. Kenneth Freiberg, DO
Chair, MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education

SUBJECT: Resolution 2018-169 Partnership on Continuing Medical Education

The MSSNY Committee on Continuing Medical Education discussed Resolution 169 during meetings held on June 22, September 20, and December 21, 2019. The original resolution was as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) will accredit County Medical Societies to offer CME; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY will not charge licensing fees to those County Medical Societies presenting programing which provide continuing medical education credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, any net revenue resulting from CME accredited programming will be shared equally between the County Medical Societies and the MSSNY.

The resolution had been submitted to the MSSNY House of Delegates on behalf of the 7th and 8th Districts. At the June 22, 2018 CME Committee meeting, Surinder Devgun, MD, President of Monroe County Medical Society, addressed the committee on behalf of MSSNY's 7th district and Edward Bartels, MD of Erie County addressed the committee on behalf of MSSNY's 8th District. Committee members sought clarification from the physician representatives of the MSSNY districts in question, and it became clear that the focus of the resolution was jointly providing activities with MSSNY (and not about county medical societies becoming accredited providers). Representatives of the Monroe County Medical Society and the Erie County Medical society had an interest in jointly providing CME activity with MSSNY, but without having to pay the \$1000 joint providership fee and the \$150/credit fee.

The CME Committee meetings had discussions on the resolution at two subsequent meetings: September 20, and December 21, 2018. Committee members recognized the desire of the 7th and 8th districts to reduce cost burdens of county medical societies who wished to jointly provide accredited continuing medical education activities with MSSNY, while also being mindful of the costs and labor associated with the planning and implementation of CME that meets the expectations and requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The Continuing Medical Education Committee recommends that the following substitute amendment be accepted in lieu of original Resolution 169:

RESOLVED, That when the Medical Society of the State of New York jointly provides continuing medical education programs with county medical societies, that MSSNY offer county medical societies a discounted rate of 50% for joint providership fee and the per-credit fees, with the understanding that the jointly providing county medical society will be

responsible for the labor associated with meeting the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accreditation requirements and policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the annual fee for MSSNY-accredited CME Providers that are academies shall be the same as the charge that ACCME charges MSSNY per provider accredited.

(FOR COUNCIL ACTION)