

**May 30, 2019**

**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 (John Maese, MD became chair on April 14,  
2019, and will preside over the June 28, 2019 meeting)**

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 full CME Committee has met once so far this year, on March 22, 2019. The committee had a discussion on strategies to help encourage and support MSSNY-accredited CME providers who wish to offer CME with Maintenance of Certification points, for one or more of the specialty boards that currently collaborate with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The boards currently in collaboration agreements with ACCME are: American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA), American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO), American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS), American Board of Pathology (ABPath), and American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). More information on those collaborations can be found at <http://www.accme.org/cme-support-moc>.

The CME Committee will once again hold a CME Provider Conference at the Courtyard by Marriott in Westbury. The date will be Friday, September 20, 2019.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs  
Charles Gonzalez, MD, Chair**

In 2019, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met via conference call on January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15. Over the course of those dates, the subcommittee has approved seven directly provided CME activities and eight jointly provided activities. In addition, they have performed post-activity

analysis on one directly provided activity and two jointly provided activities. The subcommittee has discussed MSSNY's upcoming reaccreditation as an ACCME-accredited provider (March 2020 reaccreditation cohort). Subcommittee members pledged to help in any way they can to make the reaccreditation process successful. Their next conference call will take place on June 19, 2019.

### **Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys**

**Pauline Hecht, MD, Chair (Sandhya Malhotra, MD became chair on April 4, 2019, and will preside over the June 28, 2019 meeting)**

MSSNY's Subcommittee on Surveys has met once so far in 2019, on March 22, 2019. At that meeting, the subcommittee approved initial accreditation of a new CME Provider, Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists. There was also a discussion about developing a surveyor-training program for 2019, both for new surveyors to become acquainted with ACCME's expectations and for established surveyors to increase their proficiency in evaluating provider examples submitted to demonstrate compliance with ACCME's new commendation criteria. The old commendation criteria will be phased out this year. For MSSNY-accredited providers, this means that the September 2019 reaccreditation cohort is the last that will have both options available. This Subcommittee is scheduled to meet again on June 28, 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. The provider training has occurred on January 14, February 6, March 13, April 3, and May 17. The next session is scheduled for June 5, 2019.