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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
John Maese, 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 CME Committee ratifies those decisions.

The Subcommittee on Surveys reports are provided by the Chair, Sandhya Malhotra, MD. The Subcommittee on Educational Programs reports are provided by Charles Gonzalez, MD. All subcommittee members must be members of the full CME Committee.

Since the Council's September meeting, the full CME Committee has met once, on September 19, 2019. At the meeting, the committee was apprised of the MSSNY Board of Trustees decision with regard to the new ACCME and MSSNY tier system for MSSNY-accredited CME provider annual fees. The providers were subsequently notified by letter about the change, including the fees they can expect for 2020 and 2021.

The CME Committee also approved updates to the MSSNY CME application (for MSSNY-provided CME activities), aligning its questions more closely to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) structured abstract (used to document compliance with ACCME criteria during reaccreditation), updating activity formats/types to align with ACCME's Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS) input options, adding Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) options, and removing questions related to the old commendation criteria (16-22), which ACCME is eliminating this month. Questions related to the new commendation criteria are still under development; when finalized, updated CME application will be presented to Council for approval.

The CME Committee also approved an updated structured abstract that aligns with ACCME updates and officially eliminated the use of labels (an older documentation system for performance-in-practice activity files for reaccreditation, eliminated by ACCME a few years ago).

The Continuing Medical Education Committee is scheduled to meet again on December 20, 2019.

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

Since the Council's September meeting, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met via conference call on October 16, 2019. On that date, the subcommittee performed activity review of the MSSNY CME Provider Conference, held on Friday, September 20, 2019. The subcommittee determined that the activity was successful in changing learner competence with regard to planning and implementing accredited CME, planning MOC/MIPS and improvement CME in general, and identifying and planning for the commendation criteria that are most appropriate for their program/organization. The 2020 MSSNY CME Provider Conference will be held on Friday, September 25, 2020, at the Courtyard by Marriott Westbury.

In addition, the subcommittee approved five directly provided activities and three jointly provided activities. The next conference call of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Report of the Subcommittee on Surveys **Sandhya Malhotra, MD, Chair**

Since the Council's May meeting, the Subcommittee on Surveys has met once, on September 19, 2019. At this meeting, two (2) MSSNY-accredited CME providers were submitted for reaccreditation. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John's Episcopal Hospital South Shore 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. The Subcommittee also accepted a Progress Report from Rochester Academy of Medicine.

Just prior to the Subcommittee on Surveys meeting on September 19, 2019, Steve Singer, PhD, Vice President of Education and Outreach at ACCME, conducted surveyor training pertaining to the new commendation criteria. Although tailored to

the needs of MSSNY surveyors/members of the Subcommittee on Surveys, all interested members of the full CME Committee were encouraged to participate, and there were full CME Committee members in attendance. Dr. Singer provided the keynote speech plus one additional session at the MSSNY CME Provider Conference the next day.

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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 September 2019 Council meeting, this web-conference was held on October 2. When the November Council meeting is held, there will also have been a November 6 session.