

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

**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**

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**Report of the MSSNY Continuing Medical Education Committee  
John Maese, MD**

The Continuing Medical Education Committee 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, 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.

The CME Committee met on June 25, 2021. In addition to ratifying the reports of the Subcommittee on Educational Programs and the Subcommittee on Surveys, the CME Committee considered the Sunset Review of MSSNY Policy "50.990: CME Accreditation" and recommended reaffirmation. The committee approved an updated self-study form for MSSNY-accredited providers to begin using in 2022, in compliance with ACCME's new Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. ACCME expects Recognized Accreditors to update all the forms and processes used for intrastate accreditation, and the CME Committee will be reviewing additional forms at its next meeting.

The CME Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, September 23, 2021, in conjunction with the MSSNY CME Provider Virtual Conference 2021, to be held the next day.

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

Since the April CME Report was submitted, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs has met five times, on April 14, 2021; May 19, 2021; June 16, 2021, July

28, 2021; and August 18, 2021. The subcommittee approved seven directly provided activities and four jointly provided activities, performed activity review on a directly provided activity, and considered initial inquiries on four directly provided activities. With Council's approval and adoption of ACCME's new Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, the Subcommittee on Educational Programs began implementing the new standards for upcoming CME activities. The subcommittee also discussed strategies to achieve accreditation with commendation under the ACCME's new criteria.

When Council meets on September 23, 2021, this subcommittee is will have met again on September 15, 2021.

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

The Subcommittee on Surveys met on June 25, 2021. At the meeting, three MSSNY-Accredited Providers were submitted for reaccreditation. Academy of Medicine of Queens County, Good Samaritan, and Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists were awarded reaccreditation terms. These decisions were the result of a year-long process for reaccreditation which 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 each organization. The subcommittee evaluated an initial applicant, AdvantageCare Physicians (ACPNY). The organization did not achieve accreditation.

The Subcommittee on Surveys is scheduled to meet again on September 23, 2021.

### **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 most recent training session was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. MSSNY also holds an annual provider conference, and as in 2020, this year's conference will be held virtually. The MSSNY CME Provider Virtual Conference will take place on Friday, September 24, 2021, from 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM. MSSNY President Joseph Sellers, MD has kindly agreed to make introductory remarks.