

Colorado Medical Society

Report of: Workers Compensation/Personal Injury Committee

Subject: Progress Report

Referred to: Reference Committee on Health Affairs

1 **Workers Compensation/Personal Injury Committee (WCPIC):** The committee
2 shall study current and new state laws, regulations and policies regarding Workers'
3 Compensation, auto insurance, and other personal injury areas. The Committee
4 guides CMS policy development and related physician and patient advocacy
5 pertaining to the socioeconomic aspects of medical practice related to Workers'
6 Compensation and Auto Insurance payers.
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8 WCPIC and the Council on Legislation have worked with the Colorado Health
9 Institute, the Trauma Care Preservation Coalition and other concerned individuals
10 during the 2006, 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions to encourage legislation aimed
11 at short-term and long-term solutions for automobile insurance reform. There were
12 several attempts at reform in 2008 but only one was successful. SB 11, which was
13 signed by Governor Ritter, institutes by default \$5,000 of medical payments coverage
14 at the time of policy renewal. This legislation allows consumers to purchase greater
15 amounts of medical coverage if desired, but also allows consumers to opt-out of
16 medical coverage in their auto policy altogether. While it is clear to WCPIC that the
17 demands for medical reimbursement in the auto insurance system are far greater
18 than that of \$5,000, WCPIC concurs that given the political environment, this amount
19 is a good first step toward reform. For more information please contact Greg
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Report of: Committee on Professional Education and Accreditation

Subject: Progress Report on CMS Continuing Medical Education
Accreditation Program

Referred to: Reference Committee on Health Affairs

1 Continuing medical education (CME) plays a pivotal role under the evidence-based
2 medicine banner goal in the CMS Road Map — one that ensures the availability and
3 affordability of high quality, evidence-based education for physicians across the
4 state. The CMS accredits hospitals, specialty societies, medical practices and other
5 organizations through its Intrastate Accreditor designation so that they may offer
6 CME certified programs to Colorado physicians.

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8 National standards for CME have recently been raised and are now aligned with life-
9 long learning, and competency requirements of the American Board of Medical
10 Specialties. All CME must now be designed to address the competency and
11 performance gaps of physicians and improve the quality of patient care. CME has
12 shifted from a CME provider-centered model to a new patient-centered model.

13 14 **Transition to ACCME Updated Criteria**

15 The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's (ACCME) Updated
16 Criteria for accreditation, released in September 2006, requires all accredited
17 providers to transition their CME programs into the new construct of CME. The new
18 delivery model is based on identified professional practice gaps, quality
19 improvement, and outcomes measurement in terms of physician competence,
20 change in practice, and/or patient outcomes. To accommodate the new standards,
21 the CMS Committee on Professional Education and Accreditation (CPEA) and staff
22 have participated in survey training, planned and implemented educational seminars
23 for the accredited providers, and updated all new accreditation application materials.

24 25 **CPEA Accomplishments since AM'07**

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- 27 • Completed self-study application and tele-video interview with the ACCME for
28 re-recognition as an intrastate Accreditor and was awarded another four years
29 effective November 2007
 - 30 • Accredits 29 providers across Colorado. These organizations delivered 3,102
31 hours of CME instruction in 2007
 - 32 • Assisting three organizations in their applications for accreditation including
33 Denver STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, St. Anthony Hospital North and
South Denver Cardiology Associates

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- 1 • Conducted surveys and made accreditation decisions on 13 Colorado
- 2 organizations
- 3 • Designed and implemented new CME webpage on CMS Web site that offers
- 4 information about becoming a CME provider including all necessary
- 5 application forms and educational tools.
- 6 • Planned annual meeting to review mission and goals
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8 **Conclusion**

9 The demand for high quality continuing medical education will continue to grow as
10 hospitals, specialty societies and other regulating bodies increase requirements for
11 continued professional physician development. The CMS has been robustly involved
12 with the evolution and dissemination of a new kind of CME — one that matters to
13 patient care and community health.

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