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AOA Affiliates' Board Certification and CME Frequently Asked Questions

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Question: What are the requirements for the 2019-2021 CME cycles?

Answer: The CME requirements for the 2019-2021 cycle are currently under review with the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties (BOS). At the 2018 House of Delegates, the CME Manual was reviewed and returned to the BOS for additional clarifications. Upon final draft, it will return to the AOA Board of Trustees (BOT) for final review and approval.

Explanatory Statement: The Committee recommends referral to BOS to define specialty specific CME and clarify the osteopathic and non-osteopathic CME 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 2-B credit requirements in the table "CME REQUIREMENTS BY SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARD PER 3-YEAR AOA CYCLE."

Q: What are the online maximums eligible for 1-A credit for the 2019-2021 cycles?

A: This is currently being reviewed by the BOS for the 2019-2021 CME cycle.

Q: Any changes or proposed changes to the four types of credit?

A: There are currently no proposed changes to four types of credits.

Q: In light of decoupling from AOA Membership, can the AOA provide a summary of board certification requirements by specialty?

A: The Board requirements for specialty CME are under review due to the timing of cycles and this is not related to decoupling.

Q: What is the status of AOA's application for ACCME accreditation?

A: The AOA's pre-application was approved in April 2018 and the initial application submitted at the end of July. In August, the AOA completed the phone interview with ACCME and expects to receive a decision on next steps from ACCME in November 2018.

Q: What is the AOA's plan for co-sponsoring with state societies for ACCME-accredited programs moving forward (especially as it relates to marketing and cost-sharing)?

A: The AOA has not made any determinations on the process/procedures at this time. The intent is to co-sponsor but specific details have not been confirmed. The AOA's current focus is working through the actual accreditation application process.