

RECENT IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANCC ABOUT CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION

Date of notification March 28th, 2008

SCNA has been notified by ANCC that The ANCC Accreditation Program has established a toll free telephone number learners can use to communicate compliments or concerns. The following is the text of the email announcing this information

“The Accreditation Program has always valued the perspectives of the learners. This toll free phone number – suggested to us by a group of accredited organizations – will provide a vehicle that learners can use to share their perspectives. Additionally, it will provide us with some data regarding those perspectives. This has become particularly important in reflecting the perceived presence or absence of bias in continuing nursing education. For instance, we’re often told that nurses are, as individuals, vigilant and highly sensitive to the presence of bias in continuing nursing education. However, we have no data to support that statement.

The attached statement is provided for voluntary use in informing learners of the toll free phone number. We suggest that it be included:

- *On the web site, and/or*
- *On the activity evaluation, and/or*
- *In handouts, and/or*
- *In a frame on the registration table, and/or*
- *As a slide in presentations*

We suggest that you use the wording provided. Please do not change the definition of bias. It was developed by individuals from accredited organizations and was ‘vetted’ through RNs within those organizations.”

A copy of the attachment mentioned above is included with this letter.

Date of notification April 9th, 2008

SCNA received clarification about “‘Comping’ Speakers” from ANCC. The following is the text of the email announcing this information.

“It has come to our attention that there is some additional learning that needs to take place related to the Standards of Commercial Support. In the past, a common ‘perk’ provided to conference speakers was to ‘comp’ their registration. Often the funds received (commercial support) were used to fund this action.

Standard 3.10 of the Standards for Commercial Support (page 84 in the manual) states, “If teachers or authors are listed on the agenda as facilitating or conducting a presentation or session, but participate in the remainder of an educational event as a learner, their expenses can be reimbursed and honoraria can be paid for their teach or author role only.” This would mean their role as a learner cannot be paid for.

Standard 3.8 of the Standard for Commercial Support (page 83 in the manual) states, “The provider, the co-provider, or designated educational partner must pay directly any teacher or author honoraria or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in compliance with the provider’s written policies and procedures.” So, you can pay the speaker an honoraria. The honoraria would be determined by you and agreed upon by the speaker. Maybe the honoraria would be high enough that the speaker could then pay a registration for the conference and attend as a learner (except for the time frame when s/he is teaching). The amount of the honoraria is up to you.”