

Eligibility

Eligible Organizations

Organizations eligible to be accredited in the ACCME System (*eligible organizations*) are those whose mission and function are: (1) providing clinical services directly to patients; or (2) the education of healthcare professionals; or (3) serving as fiduciary to patients, the public, or population health. Examples of such organizations include:

These types of companies DO NOT need to be listed on a disclosure form, mitigated, or disclosed

- Ambulatory procedure centers
- Blood banks
- Diagnostic labs that do not sell proprietary products
- Electronic health records companies
- Government or military agencies
- Group medical practices
- Health law firms
- Health profession membership organizations
- Hospitals or healthcare delivery systems
- Infusion centers
- Insurance or managed care companies
- Nursing homes
- Pharmacies that do not manufacture proprietary compounds
- Publishing or education companies
- Rehabilitation centers
- Schools of medicine or health science universities
- Software or game developers

Types of Organizations That *Cannot* Be Accredited in the ACCME System

Companies that are ineligible to be accredited in the ACCME System (*ineligible companies*) are those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Examples of such organizations include:

These types of companies DO need to be listed on a disclosure form, mitigated, and disclosed

- Advertising, marketing, or communication firms whose clients are ineligible companies
- Bio-medical startups that have begun a governmental regulatory approval process
- Compounding pharmacies that manufacture proprietary compounds
- Device manufacturers or distributors
- Diagnostic labs that sell proprietary products
- Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements
- Manufacturers of health-related wearable products
- Pharmaceutical companies or distributors
- Pharmacy benefit managers
- Reagent manufacturers or sellers

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If a speaker/planner/author has a financial relationship with an ineligible company to disclose that you have determined is “relevant” to the topic or content that they are presenting or have the opportunity to control or effect, then begin the following process to mitigate any potential conflict in advance of their participation in the planning or learning:

- Start by confirming with the faculty that the ineligible company they have documented falls under the definition utilized by our accreditation body the ACCME as **”any entity producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing health care products used by, or used on, patients.”** The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be ineligible - unless the provider of clinical service is owned, or controlled by, an ACCME-defined commercial interest.
 - If yes, then a mitigation will need to occur (utilize the mitigation form for the options on how to mitigate any potential conflict)
 - If no, please have them complete an updated disclosure form that notes no conflicts are present.

If a they faculty states they are employed or receive a salary from an ineligible company, there are only a few ways they are able to participate in the program:

- Confirm that they are employed and that they receive an I-9 from those companies. If they do, then the only exceptions on how they can participate are listed below. If they do not meet any of these options then that person will have to be removed from involvement in the activity and the mitigation form completed. If they do qualify for one of these exceptions then I will need that documentation made my a course chair or planning committee member. Here are the three cases of when and how they can still be involved:
 - When the content of the activity is not related to the business lines or products of their employer/company.
 - When the content of the accredited activity is limited to basic science research, such as pre-clinical research and drug discovery, or the methodologies of research, and they do not make care recommendations.
 - When they are participating as technicians to teach the safe and proper use of medical devices, and do not recommend whether or when a device is used