



Policy 8.0 (This policy is only if CPD changed its current policy regarding commercial support)

Policy Name: Appropriate Handling of Commercial Support

Policy

CPD will adhere to the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support concerning appropriate handling of commercial support.

Procedures

- 1) CPD would make all decisions regarding the disposition and disbursement of commercial support.
- 2) CPD would not be required by a commercial interest to accept advice or services concerning teachers, authors, or participants or other education matters, including content, from a commercial interest as conditions of contributing funds or services.
- 3) All commercial support associated with a CPD educational activity is given with the full knowledge and approval of CPD.
- 4) CPD would make sure the terms, conditions, and purposes of the commercial support are documented in a written agreement between the commercial supporter that includes CPD and its educational partner(s). The agreement includes CPD, even if the support is given directly to the provider's educational partner or a joint provider.
- 5) The written agreement would specify the commercial interest that is the source of commercial support.
- 6) Both the commercial supporter and CPD would sign the written agreement, which is between the commercial supporter and CPD.

Commercial Support for a CME activity is financial, and/or in-kind, contributions given by a commercial interest, which is used to pay all or part of the costs of a CPD activity.

A Commercial Interest is any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests.