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Dear Accredited CME Provider:

The California Medical Association, the ACCME-recognized accreditor for California, has resumed the direct administration of the CME accreditation program, a function that CMA previously delegated to its subsidiary, the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ). The CMA Board of Trustees determined that the program would benefit from closer proximity and collaboration with other CMA programs and services. CMA appreciates IMQ’s stewardship of CMA’s CME accreditation program over the last 20 years.

In addition to the physical relocation of the CME program to our Sacramento office, we intend to achieve closer alignment with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) with this transition. We strive to help California CME providers excel and to make California a leader of CME best practices.

Effective immediately, please update your files with the following contact information for CME at CMA.

- **E-mail:** CME@cmadocs.org
- **Phone number:** (800) 786-4262
- **Website:** www.cmadocs.org/cme
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Your CMA CME team, Heather Miller, CME Director, and Ann Engwer, CME Associate Director, stand ready to support you.

Sincerely,

David H. Aizuss, M.D.  
President

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Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure: CME Transition Frequently Asked Questions
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The following are answers to frequently asked questions about CMA resuming the direct administration of CME Accreditation for California.

WHAT CHANGES SHOULD AN ACCREDITED CME PROVIDER EXPECT?

CMA continues to encourage CME providers to create CME activities for your institution. To support that work, there is a new website, new e-mail address, new look, new accreditation and accreditation with commendation seals, and new accreditation timelines.

WHAT DOES “ALIGNMENT WITH ACCME” MEAN?

ACCME recognized accreditors use the ACCME accreditation rules and equivalent decision-making to consistently apply the standards of educational excellence and independence everywhere AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ is granted. CMA will closely collaborate with ACCME to ensure that our practices, policies and processes maintain that consistency.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY ACCREDITATION AS A CME PROVIDER?

This change does not affect your accreditation. CMA is extending the accreditation term expiration date for some providers to accommodate changes in the accreditation timelines. This extension will be at no penalty and no cost to the CME provider and is intended to give providers more lead time to prepare for their reaccreditation process. CMA will notify those providers receiving deadline extensions.

HOW DO I ACCESS CME RESOURCES AT CMA?

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