

University of Michigan Medical School

Policy on Industry Funding for Professional and Continuing Education

I. Purpose

This policy states the position of the University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS) with regard to commercial entity support of UMMS-offered professional and continuing medical education (CME), and to prohibit the practice of accepting such funding to support these activities offered by the UMMS.

II. Definitions

“CME” is defined as activities developed under ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) guidelines for which CME credit is designated.

“Professional and Continuing Education” means learning opportunities that may influence patient care.

“UMMS-offered Professional and Continuing Education” refers to CME and non-CME educational activities organized, presented, offered, or otherwise conducted under the auspices of the UMMS, regardless of whether conducted on- or off-site. It includes all UMMS-offered activities whether credit is not offered, or credit is designated by UMMS or another accredited body.

“Financial funding” includes provision of any financial grant, gift, subsidy, exhibit fee, or other financial support to support a specific educational offering.

“Commercial entities” are companies that produce, market, re-sell, or distribute health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients or biomedical research subjects; the term includes surrogates of these entities acting on behalf of these entities to fund specified educational activities (e.g., medical education service suppliers).

III. Policy

On May 12, 2009, the UMMS Department Chairs unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Conflict of Interest Group (COIG) with regard to Professional and Continuing Education support. Effective immediately upon approval by the Dean of the University of Michigan Medical School, UMMS-offered Professional and

Educational activities may not receive financial funding (e.g., grant, gift, subsidy, or exhibit fee) from commercial entities that produce, market, re-sell, or distribute health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients or biomedical research subjects.

IV. Standards

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V. Process

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VI. References

Report of the Conflict of Interest Group; Paul R. Lichter, Chair; March 17, 2010.

VII. History of Policy

Original Approval Date: 3/27/12

Revisions:

- Name of policy was changed from *Industry Funding for UMMS Offered CME* to *Industry Funding for Professional and Continuing Education*
- Clarification on definitions and added “Professional and Continuing Education” definition

VIII. Approval

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