**Providers on Probation**

1. **Probation** is given to accredited providers that have serious problems meeting ACCME [requirements](http://www.accme.org/requirements). Providers on Probation are required to submit [progress reports](http://www.accme.org/cme-providers/reaccreditation/progress-reports). Providers with Accreditation may have their status changed to Probation if their [progress reports](http://www.accme.org/cme-providers/reaccreditation/progress-reports) do not demonstrate correction of non-compliance issues. Most providers on Probation implement improvements quickly, return to a status of Accreditation, and sustain compliance. Providers cannot remain on Probation for longer than two years.
2. **Non-accreditation**: Although Non-accreditation decisions are rare, the ISMA does make that determination in the following circumstances:
* An [initial applicant](http://www.accme.org/cme-providers/first-time-applicant) is not in compliance with any one of the criteria required to achieve Provisional Accreditation.
* A provisionally accredited provider has serious non-compliance issues.
* A provider on Probation fails to demonstrate in one or more progress reports that it has achieved compliance in all Accreditation Criteria within two years.
* In rare circumstances where there are compelling reasons, an accredited provider may have its status changed to Non-accreditation. Examples of such circumstances include an accredited provider that has demonstrated recurrent non-compliance in the [Standards for Commercial Support: Standards to Ensure Independence in CME Activities℠](http://www.accme.org/requirements/accreditation-requirements-cme-providers/standards-for-commercial-support) and/or has received previous decisions of Probation, and/or has engaged in joint providerships while on Probation in violation of [joint providership policy](http://www.accme.org/requirements/accreditation-requirements-cme-providers/policies-and-definitions/joint-providership).
* If a provider is placed on Probation, it may not jointly provide CME activities with non-accredited providers, with the exception of those activities that were contracted prior to the Probation decision. A provider that is placed on Probation must inform the ISMA of all existing joint providership relationships, and must notify its current contracted joint providers of its probationary status.
* Providers that receive a decision of Probation in two consecutive accreditation terms are prohibited from jointly providing activities until they regain their accreditation status. If the provider is found to be working in joint providership while under this probation, the ISMA will immediately change the provider's status to Non-accreditation.