



# PHYSICIAN'S RECOGNITION AWARD CREDIT SYSTEM AND BOOKLET

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# AMA PRA CREDIT SYSTEM

The American Medical Association (AMA) provides information, resources and guidance about the AMA continuing medical education credit system for CME providers.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/education/cme/ama-pra-credit-system>

To certify educational activities for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*<sup>™</sup> the sponsoring organization must:

- Be accredited by either the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or a recognized state medical society (SMS).
- Meet all requirements of both the AMA and their accreditor (ACCME or SMS).

# THE AMA PRA CREDIT SYSTEM BOOKLET

2017 revision

## The AMA Physician's Recognition Award and credit system



Information for accredited providers and physicians



Available online as a PDF for download.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/media/7831/download>



# YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THIS YOUR BIBLE

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**STANDARDS FOR  
COMMERCIAL SUPPORT**



# AMA/ACCME ALIGNMENT

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) have **simplified and aligned** their expectations for accredited CME activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

The revised AMA PRA credit system standards are designed to encourage innovation and flexibility in CME activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* while continuing to ensure that activities meet education standards and are independent of commercial influence.

# KEY POINTS OF THE SIMPLIFICATION

- The AMA core requirements and ACCME accreditation requirements **are aligned and do not represent any new rules for accredited providers.**
- The AMA has **simplified and reduced learning format requirements** to provide more flexibility for accredited providers.
- CME providers may now design and deliver certified activities that **use blended or new approaches** to drive meaningful learning and change, as long as the provider abides by the core credit requirements.
- CME providers **may designate an activity format as “other”** if it does not fit within one of the previously existing formats.

# AVAILABLE LEARNING FORMATS

- Live activities
- Enduring materials  
(i.e, online interactive educational module, recorded presentation, podcast)
- Journal-based CME
- Test Item Writing
- Performance Improvement (PI) CME
- Internet Point of Care (POC) Learning
- Other\* [new](#)



# NEW “OTHER” FORMAT

Accredited CME providers can introduce new instructional practices, as well as blend new and/or established learning formats appropriate to their learners and setting, as long as the activity meets all core requirements.

Certified CME activities that do not fit within one of the established format categories must identify the learning format as **“Other activity,”** followed by a short description of the activity in parentheses, in both the AMA Credit Designation Statement and on documentation provided to learners (certificates, transcripts, etc.).



# STANDARD AMA CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT

The following AMA Credit Designation Statement must be included in relevant announcements and activity materials:

The <name of accredited CME provider> designates this <learning format> for a maximum of <# of credits> *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

\*The learning format listed in the AMA Credit Designation Statement must be one of the approved learning formats.

# DESIGNATION STATEMENT SPECIFIC TO “OTHER” CATEGORY

The < name of accredited provider > designates this Other activity (< provide short description >) for a maximum of < # of credits > *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## EXAMPLE:

The Indiana State Medical Association designates this **Other** activity (**External Quality Assurance Case Review**) for a maximum of 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

# USE OF PHRASE

## *“AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™”*

The phrase *“AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™”* is a trademark of the American Medical Association.

Accredited CME providers must always use the complete italicized, trademarked phrase.

The simple phrase “Category 1 Credit” cannot be used when referring to *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

# Use of the AMA Credit Designation Statement in Program Materials and Activity Announcements

## PROGRAM MATERIALS

The AMA Credit Designation Statement must be used in any program materials, in both print and electronic format, that reference CME credit.

## ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activity announcements include all materials, in both print and electronic formats, that are designed to build awareness of the activity's educational content among the target physician audience.

The complete AMA Credit Designation Statement must always be used on any document that references the number of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* designated for the activity.

# Use of the AMA Credit Designation Statement in Program Materials and Activity Announcements

## SAVE-THE-DATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A “Save the date” announcement may indicate that the activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* without stating an exact number of credits if the accredited CME provider has already certified the activity. This announcement may read:

“This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*” or similar language. Accredited CME providers may never indicate that “*AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* has been applied for” or any similar wording.

# Performance-in-Practice during Reaccreditation

Please note ISMA surveyors do examine your Performance-in-Practice (PIP) activity files during the reaccreditation process to ensure you are utilizing the correct Accreditation Statement.

QUESTIONS??