



***Sent on behalf of Arthur J. Sober, MD, FAAD
Chair, Council on Education***

Dear PAD:

The American Academy of Dermatology recognizes the value of rigorously developed CME programs that help our members stay abreast in the latest clinical advancements in dermatology. To streamline the process and reduce the administrative burdens on programs, which are already required to meet the criteria of ACCME accreditation and AMA PRA Category 1 Credit, the American Academy of Dermatology will cease offering the AAD Recognized Credit program as of December 31, 2017.

When the AAD Recognized Credit program launched nearly 40 years ago, it served as a valuable marker of quality to dermatologists. However, the program has become less necessary as CME standards have become more rigorous. As you know, AAD recognized credit does not confer CME on a program nor is it required of dermatologists by the American Board of Dermatology or state licensing boards. Over the last 5 years, participation in the program has dwindled, with a 70% decrease in the number of programs applying and 44% decrease in members claiming credit.

The Academy will continue to accept applications for recognition from programs through December 31, 2017. AAD members may continue to claim AAD Recognized Credit for these programs through December 31, 2018. After this date the Academy will continue to provide members the ability to track credit for these programs through the self-reported section of the AAD Online Transcript.

We would be happy to answer any questions you might have as we make this transition. Feel free to reach out to Chris Presta, associate director of digital learning, at cpresta@aad.org or by phone at (847) 240-1698.

Sincerely,

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