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TO: All Accredited Organizations

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RE: Change use of term “Co-Providership” to “Joint Providership”

As part of the ANCC Accreditation Program’s strategic goal to improve congruence between accrediting bodies, the ANCC Commission on Accreditation has made a change in the 2013 accreditation criteria.

The ANCC Commission on Accreditation has voted to change the term “Co-Providership” to “Joint Providership.” This change in language reflects our ongoing efforts to help nurses, physicians, pharmacists and all healthcare continuing education providers and regulatory agencies to standardize terms and create a common language. This language will now also be used by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to reflect that two or more organizations are working collaboratively to plan, implement and evaluate continuing education activities.

This change may be implemented immediately, but must be fully implemented by organizations as of **January 1, 2015**. Requirements associated with the term have not been changed.

The ANCC Accreditation Program has revised the educational activity planning documents and associated template forms available on the Accreditation web site to support this change.

