

1 SUBJECT: ONLINE CME REQUIREMENTS – 15-CREDIT MAXIMUM FOR  
2 ONLINE CREDIT

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4 SUBMITTED BY: Council on Osteopathic Continuing Medical Education  
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7 REFERRED TO: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists  
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10 WHEREAS, at their March 2017 mid-year meeting, the Board of Trustees of the American  
11 Osteopathic Association passed resolution B-9 – M/2017 Minimum of Specialty Specific CME  
12 for Osteopathic Continuous Certification that allows a minimum of 60 hours of specialty CME  
13 credits per 3-year cycle for osteopathic Continuous Certification and for these credits to be  
14 fulfilled by “acceptance of CME activities produced by American Osteopathic Association and  
15 Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accredited sponsors and  
16 providers; and

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18 WHEREAS, it is important for the preservation of osteopathic principles and philosophy that  
19 physicians be incentivized rather than dis-incentivized to choose osteopathic CME; and  
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21 WHEREAS, acceptance of ACCME credits as equivalent to AOA credits has created  
22 unintended consequences that place AOA accredited sponsors’ online CME programs at a  
23 disadvantage to ACCME accredited programs, and  
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25 WHEREAS, the ACCME makes no distinction between enduring and live CME in regard to  
26 the type completed by the physician, making it virtually impossible for the AOA CME staff to  
27 determine if ACCME credits submitted by an osteopathic physician were completed via  
28 attendance at a live or enduring CME event; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the AOA limits the amount of online CME that a physician can obtain per cycle  
31 to 15 credits, while the ACCME has no such limit; and, now therefore be it  
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33 RESOLVED, that the AOA remove the 15-credit limit per CME cycle for Category 1-A CME  
34 earned via online live or enduring programs.  
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36 Explanatory Statement:  
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