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Dear Academy Member:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the American Academy of Physicians' Assistants Board of Directors voted unanimously to implement and enforce its guidelines for Continuing Medical Education at the meeting held in Washington, D.C., November 3 and 4, 1973.

Officially, Academy members begun to collect and accumulate Continuing Medical Education credits as of November 1, 1973. This date was set to allow Academy members who attended Review Sessions for the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician Examination to accrue credits for such courses.

Many Continuing Medical Education credits can be earned by peer review, medical audits, patient care review, group discussions, and bedside teaching rounds (to name only a few). Individual programmed courses of instruction relating to the type of patients seen in a practice setting are being considered for credit at the present time. More information regarding this form of learning experience will be forthcoming.

To maintain membership in the Academy, all present members will have three years to meet and report their Continuing Medical Education credits and activities to the Chairman of the Continuing Medical Education Committee of the American Academy of Physicians' Assistants. Current membership must accrue 90 hours of credit before the anniversary date for payment of dues in 1977. As additional members are accepted into the Academy, anniversary dates for completion of Continuing Medical Education activities will be determined by the Continuing Medical Education Committee and the Board of Directors. Notice of the completion date will be published in the P.A. Journal as well as formal notice to each new Academy member. As one acquires senior membership in the Academy (all present members will be senior members in 1977) 150 hours of Continuing Medical Education activity will be required over a three year period.

Academy members should keep an accurate record of their activities and report them to the Committee on Continuing Medical Education on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. The forms on



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which to report your activities will be published in the P.A. Journal and additional copies of the forms may be obtained from the Committee on Continuing Medical Education.

The Academy guidelines for Continuing Medical Education are extremely flexible allowing traditional modes of learning as well as innovative and more pragmatic approaches to Continuing Medical Education. The guidelines are divided into the following basic categories:

Category I - Programs with Accredited Sponsorship (AMA approved or AMA recognized State Medical Accredited Programs) and American Academy of Physicians' Assistant Continuing Medical Education Programs.

There are over 2400 courses offered by 697 institutions and organizations approved for credit by the AMA for the period September 1, 1973 through August 1, 1974. These courses are listed in the second issue of J.A.M.A. every August as a supplemental issue. The programs are listed according to specialty and State or State-sponsoring organizations.

In addition to the above, Continuing Medical Education programs that are produced and sponsored by the Academy will be accepted in Category I on an hour-for-hour basis.

Recently the AMA Advisory Committee on Continuing Medical Education adopted new criteria accepting the use of audio-visual materials under Category I. Further information regarding audio-visual material acceptable under Category I of the Academy guidelines may be obtained from

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Category II - Programs With Non-Accredited Sponsorship

Many, if not all, hospitals have weekly or monthly meetings. seminars, and lecture programs involving staff members of the hospital. Physicians may set aside specific times to lecture or participate in seminars or arrange other medical meetings to inform the staff of new practices in patient management. Attendance and/or participation in this setting is acceptable in Category II on an hour-for-hour basis.

Category III - Medical Teaching

Clara Vanderbilt close to a teaching center, it is also appropriate for individuals in community practice who interact with the nursing profession and other allied health members for the transmission of medical information. This is reportable as per hour of lecture time or instruction.

> Category IV - Books, Papers, Publications, Presentations, and Exhibits

For those individuals who participate in patient care and/or have additional responsibilities in the area of clinical, scientific, or socio-economic research, ten hours of credit will be given for each article published, chapter(s) written for book(s), or medical editorial work requiring at least ten hours of preparation.

Category V - Non-Supervised Individual Continuing Medical Education

Category V is self-explanatory. It encompasses a variety of learning experiences that are available in hospitals, doctors' offices, and clinics. Periodic discussion of patient management problems, chart review, and individual-physician-Physician's Assistant Conferences on medical problems are



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all accepted in Category V on an hour-for-hour basis. In addition, if and when Physician's Assistant specialty examinations are instituted, credit for preparation of these examinations will be given on an hour-for-hour basis. A maximum of sixty hours can be claimed in Category V.

Category VI - Other Meritorious Learning Experiences

Because of the importance placed on education in all areas of endeavor, the need to update one's knowledge is of vital importance.

With the rapid accumulation of new knowledge, Continuing Education is one way by which to avoid obsolescence. It is hoped that Continuing Education Academy members will constantly enhance the delivery of patient care, strive for intellectual enrichments, and improve their understanding of the socioenvironmental problems of our society.

Credit is given for experiences that cannot be easily included in other categories---college courses leading to a baccalaureate degree or advanced degree as well as other educational courses in health sciences can be applied under this category. The maximum of 30 hours may be accepted under this category.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Toth Chairman