

# **Conflict of Interest in Education Policy**

## **Scope**

This policy applies to all Mayo Clinic staff in position to control Continuing Medical Education (CME) content. Also applies to all members of the Mayo Clinic Community Accountable Care Organization, LLC Governing Board (ACO Board) as well as ACO Corporate Officers.

## **Purpose**

To ensure that CME programming, including recommendations for treatment and therapeutic options, is free from bias.

## **Policy**

Financial disclosures related to education activities are governed by general Mayo Clinic Conflict of Interest Policies.

All individuals in position to control CME content – including planners, faculty, and course directors – must disclose all relevant financial relationships, of any amount within the past 12 months, to the Mayo School of Continuous Professional Development.

The Mayo School of Continuous Professional Development is required to ensure proper review of these potential conflicts and to resolve those conflicts prior to continued participation.

A financial interest does not mean that an individual cannot participate in the CME activity. School staff will work with the course director and individuals involved to appropriately manage these potential conflicts.

The Conflict of Interest Review Board will provide assistance in reviewing and determining if a disclosed financial interest results in a conflict of interest with respect to educational activities.

## **Policy Notes**

N/A

## **Related Procedure(s)**

N/A

## **Related Document(s)**

N/A

## **Definitions**

### **Financial Interest**

Anything of monetary value, whether or not the value is readily ascertainable.

## **References**

N/A

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**Revision History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Synopsis of Change</b>
05/13/2019	Minor Revision - Initial ACO acronym changed to Accountable Care Organization.
05/05/2019	Revised - Added ACO statement to Scope as required by CMS and checked document into the Policy and Procedure Management System.
09/14/2017	Added financial disclosure statement related to education as the first paragraph under Policy.
08/02/2016	Created separate policies by subject versus one Conflict of Interest Policy.
12/2013	Approval for need to establish document: Conflict of Interest Review Board Mayo Clinic Board of Governors