

### **C. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY**

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine will audit continuing medical education (CME) programs to assure compliance with the standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) pertaining to relations with industry, including those with respect to content validation and meals. All activities held on SIUSOM campuses or sites that wish to be CME accredited must go through the SIUSOM Office of Continuing Professional Development for approval.

The Office of Continuing Professional Development of SIUSOM should process all requests for industry support (including in-kind support) and receipt of funds for CME/CPD activity, as well as coordinate and oversee such activities. Industry grants for ACCME-accredited CME activities must be handled by the SIUSOM Office of Continuing Professional Development. Each education grant must be accompanied by a letter of agreement between the School and the corporate entity indicating that the education activity will be planned and implemented without any input from the ACCME-defined commercial interest that is providing the grant. The ACCME defines a commercial interest as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

To the extent that educational programs for physicians are supported by any ACCME-defined commercial interest, including pharmaceutical, device, equipment, and service entities, the programs should be offered only by ACCME-accredited providers according to ACCME standards. Activities held on campus must either be solely sponsored through SIUSOM, jointly sponsored with a non-accredited entity, or co-sponsored with another accredited entity.