

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) shall grant the following types and duration of accreditation to Providers seeking accreditation from SDSMA.

Accreditation - Accreditation is the standard status for reconsideration applicants and shall be awarded to an accredited Provider following favorable formal review and site survey by the SDSMA.

- Term: Up to 4 years; standard accreditation is 4 years.
- Extension: May not be extended.
- Restrictions: None.

For accredited providers seeking Accreditation, non-compliance with any Accreditation Requirements will necessitate a Progress Report and or focused full survey. Failure to demonstrate compliance in the Progress Report and or focused or full survey may result in Probation.

Accreditation with Commendation - Accreditation with Commendation is associated with a six year term, and is available only to reaccreditation applicants. A reaccreditation applicant is considered for Accreditation with Commendation if the applicant meets Essential Area 3: Engagement with the Environment (Criteria 16-22).

Providers that meet the criteria for Accreditation with Commendation but have (an) Element(s) in Non-Compliance will be eligible to receive Accreditation with Commendation, and a term extension of two years only once they have demonstrated through a Progress Report compliance with the Element(s) that was previously in Non-Compliance. The SDSMA will consider a provider eligible for a change in accreditation status if the provider is able to demonstrate that the issue in question was brought into Compliance within the first two years of the current accreditation term.

Provisional - is the standard status for initial applicants and shall be awarded following favorable formal review and site survey by the SDSMA.

- Term: 2 years; standard provisional-accreditation is 2 years.
- Extension: May be extended once for a maximum of 2 years.
- Restrictions: Providers awarded provisional-accreditation may not jointly sponsor with non-accredited entities. Upon first resurvey, provisionally accredited Providers shall be given full-accreditation, non-accreditation or an extension; they may not be placed on probation.

To achieve Provisional Accreditation, the applicant must be found in Partial Compliance or better in all Requirements.

Probation - an accredited program that seriously deviates from Compliance with the Accreditation Requirements may be placed on Probation. Probation may also result from a Provider's failure to demonstrate Compliance in a Progress Report.

Providers who receive Probation at reaccreditation receive the standard four-year term of accreditation for two-years, maximum. Accreditation status, and the ability for a provider to complete its four-year term, will resume when a Progress Report is received, validated, and accepted by the SDSMA.

- Term: 1-2 years.
- Extension: May not be extended. Upon review of the Progress Report, Providers on Probation shall be given a status of accreditation or non-accreditation.
- Restrictions: Providers awarded probationary-accreditation may not jointly sponsor with non-accredited entities.

Note that Provisionally accredited Providers cannot be put on Probation. Rather, Provisionally accredited Providers that seriously deviate from Compliance will receive Non-Accreditation.

Non-Accreditation - Although decisions of Non-Accreditation are rare, SDSMA reserves the right to deliver such decisions under any of the following circumstances:

- After the initial survey. To achieve Provisional Accreditation, first-time applicants must be found in Partial Compliance or better in all Accreditation Requirements. Initial applicants who receive Non-Accreditation may not be viewed again by the SDSMA for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the SDSMA meeting at which the decision was made.
- After Provisional Accreditation. Provisionally accredited Providers that seriously deviate from Compliance will receive Non-Accreditation. These Providers are not eligible for Probation.
- After a Progress Report. For accredited Providers on Probation, Non-Compliance with any one of the Elements will be cause for Non-Accreditation.

PROCEDURES

SDSMA will notify provider of accreditation type and duration according to this policy.

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