CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

I. PURPOSE

Aurora Health Care's (Aurora) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) office facilitates the Aurora mission by providing educational venues to enhance knowledge, competence, or performance that underlie the professional practice gaps for physicians and other medical personnel. It is expected that the attendees will not only increase their knowledge but will improve their ability to apply the information to enhance the quality of medical care delivered. In addition to medical knowledge, we strive to enhance the providers' awareness of the diverse needs of our patients so that health care is provided with the physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and economic needs of our patients in mind.

II. POLICY

As an accredited provider of the Wisconsin Medical Society, who is recognized by the Committee for Review and Recognition of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Aurora CPD office will plan and implement CME activities in accordance with the Accreditation Elements, and policies of the Wisconsin Medical Society, including the Standard for Commercial Support.

III. PROCEDURE

Physicians or conference planners who wish to offer CME credits to physicians are required to apply for the CME credits through an application process. The application process is necessary to meet the requirements of the Wisconsin Medical Society in order for Aurora to maintain its accreditation status.

A. Contact the Aurora CPD office immediately upon beginning to plan an activity. A staff member from the Aurora CPD office must be integrally involved in the planning of the CME activity from its inception. A list of contacts for the CPD office can be found on the web site www.aurora.org/auroracme.

B. Applications need to be submitted at least 12 weeks prior to the CME program, or prior to any promotional material being printed.

C. All CME activities must adhere to the policies as found in the Aurora Health Care CPD Policy Manual. The manual and accompanying forms are available through the CPD office.