



ABIH Discontinues Reviews of the CM Point Requests for Category 4 Education Events

Effective November 28, 2011, ABIH has discontinued all CM point request reviews for Category 4 Education events (with one exception as noted below). Instead, Diplomates will soon be able to calculate their own CM points. Event Providers will also be provided guidance as well. For Diplomates, events can now be listed on the CM Worksheets without a CM approval number from ABIH.

Exception: ABIH will continue to process CM point requests for Diplomates with a CM cycle end date of 12/31/11 and the event was within the past 5 years (their CM cycle). If you submit a CM point request and it does not meet this condition, it cannot be processed.

At this time, the current method to calculate CM points is as follows. This may or may not change as we transition to the new system.

- Courses: 0.167 CM point for each hour of technical content, minimum of 1 hour
- Conferences: 0.5 point for each 3 hours of technical content
- The point types of IH, IH Ethics, Safety, and Management are assigned based on the subject matter (see <http://www.abih.org/general/cmpointrequest.html#definitions>)

In 2012, ABIH will provide additional details to manage the transition, e.g., CM worksheet updates, point calculation tools, and new guidance documents. We want to further simplify the program in order to equip Diplomates for success and to minimize the negative impacts of the transition.

Please be patient until we release more information but in the meantime, if you have questions that cannot wait, please feel free to contact Tracy W. Parsons, CIH at: tparsons@abih.org or (517) 321-2638 Ext 15.

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