

# ***MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK***

## ***Types of Accreditation***

The types of accreditation which are utilized by the ACCME and MSSNY are as follows:

1) **Provisional Accreditation of an Institution or Organization**

This type of accreditation is used only for new applications from institutions and organizations that meet the standards as described in this manual. When an institution/organization makes an application after its accreditation has been withdrawn or withheld (non-accreditation), it is considered a new application. Provisional accreditation may also be granted when an accredited institution/organization's continuing medical education program has been so altered that it is essentially a new program. Provisional accreditation of an institution/organization may be continued if accreditation status is not yet warranted. **(Two years duration)**. One extension of up to two years may be given. An adverse decision at the end of Provisional Accreditation will result in Non-Accreditation; it cannot result in Probationary Accreditation.

2) **Accreditation of an Institution or Organization**

This type of accreditation is granted to institutions/organizations which are accredited or have provisional or probationary accreditation, and for which there is evidence that they fully meet the standards. (Four years duration).

3) **Probationary Accreditation of an Institution or Organization**

This type of accreditation is granted when an accredited institution/organization has developed **serious** deficiencies of sufficient degree that accreditation in accordance with the "Standards" is jeopardized. During the probationary period, the accredited institution/organization shall take the necessary steps to correct the identified deficiency or deficiencies. (One or two years duration) **MAY NOT BE EXTENDED. While on Probation a provider may not act as a Joint Sponsor of activities with non-accredited entities, EXCEPT for those activities that were contracted prior to the decision of probation.**

4) **Non-Accreditation**

This type applies in the case of noncompliance with the "Standards" or in case of a request for voluntary withdrawal of accreditation. The institutions/organizations will be provided with the reasons for non-accreditation by MSSNY.

\*Accreditation cannot be withdrawn without a period of Probationary Accreditation except in cases where there are compelling reasons to do otherwise