

## The ACCME Has Created a Program to Simplify Your CME Reporting

Are you aware that the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) offers a voluntary program that allows educational providers to report a physician's accredited continuing medical education (CME) activities to the Program and Activity Report System (or "PARS") program? As a result of the ACCME's collaboration with the MD Board of Physicians (the "Board"), the Board can access PARS to verify your participation in accredited CME activities. This service is free of charge.

Additionally, licensees can search for accredited CME activities and view their transcripts and credits via the CME Passport system, a free tracking tool the ACCME provides for physicians. For more information, visit the ACCME's website at [accme.org](http://accme.org).

### ***What are the benefits of participation?***

A key benefit is that your CME data is primary source verified by the accredited education provider and does not require you to upload certificates. By participating in the ACCME's PARS program, physicians who are renewing their license and selected for CME audit will not need to manually submit their CME data to the Board, simplifying the Board's audit review process.

The Board's aim is to move to a model in which the Board can verify licensees' compliance with all CME requirements with minimal reporting from licensees. Our goal is to reduce the administrative burden of CME reporting, enabling you to spend less time tracking and uploading CME credits.

### **What steps do I need to take?**

When you attend an accredited CME activity, you can request that the educational provider report your CME credit in PARS. To participate, you will need to provide your name, month and day of birth, and license number or national provider identifier (NPI) to the educational provider so they can report your information in PARS. You may also need to click a button to consent to the Board accessing your CME information. Any accredited CME provider, whether based in Maryland or not, can submit your CME credits via the PARS program. You may also choose not to use PARS.

### ***Where can I get more information?***

You may direct questions to your accredited educational provider. The ACCME is available to assist any accredited educational provider interested in participating in this collaboration. Accredited providers may contact the ACCME at [info@accme.org](mailto:info@accme.org).