



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### The Maryland Board of Physicians Launches Collaboration with the ACCME to Simplify Your CME Reporting

The Maryland Board of Physicians (MBP) is pleased to announce a new, voluntary program that will enable accredited educational providers to report licensees' *AMA PRA Category 1*<sup>™</sup> continuing medical education (CME) credits directly to the Board. This means that licensees will not need to report CME credits themselves. The project is a collaboration with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME<sup>®</sup>).

When you attend an accredited CME activity, you can ask the educational provider to report your CME credit in ACCME's Program and Activity Report System (PARS) so MBP can access that information. You will need to provide your name, month and day of birth, and license number or national provider identifier (NPI). This information allows the educational provider to automatically verify and share your participation in the accredited CME activity with the Board. Any accredited CME provider, regardless of whether or not it is based in Maryland, can report CME credits through this program.

We aim to move to a model where we are able to verify our licensees' fulfillment of all CME requirements with minimal reporting by the licensee. Our goal is to decrease the administrative burden of CME reporting, enabling you to spend less time tracking and uploading CME credits and dedicate more of your time to high-quality learning—and most importantly, to patient care.

Of course, you may choose not to use this system and to retain your own CME records if you wish, just as you do now.

The ACCME is offering this service free of charge to the MBP, accredited educational providers, and licensees.

Please refer questions about this collaboration to your participating accredited educational provider – [contact information is available here](#). ACCME is available to help any accredited educational provider participate in this collaboration. Accredited providers can reach out to ACCME at [info@accme.org](mailto:info@accme.org).