



Avera Interprofessional Continuing Education

June 2021 Monthly Updates

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Can you believe we are ½ way through 2021 already? We hope you are enjoying summer and time with family and friends. You all deserve it!

2021 has proven to be a big year of change for the CE program at Avera! We received approval to pursue Joint Accreditation in October that will culminate in being a Joint Accredited Provider in December 2022! Also, the implementation of the new disclosure process to be in compliance with the 2022 mandatory “Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education” changes will take place this August.

This monthly newsletter will serve as a communication tool for our planners to keep you updated to changes and new roll outs!

Upcoming dates to be aware of:

August activity CE
applications due on
June 30th

Avera CE Portal will be
closed July 2nd @ 5pm to
July 6th @ 8 am for
Vender Updates!

Disclosure Changes
go into effect
August 1st

Get Ready: Planner Appreciation in November 2021!

Reminders

RSS Activities

Outside Credit

Summative QI Evaluations

All RSS Child activity application (submitted in the RSS Dashboard) are due 14 days prior to the session date.

Many planners pursue offering outside CE credit for disciplines we cannot approve. These approvals need to be emailed no later than 5 days prior to the activity for us to add to the CE Portal.

Evaluation results will be emailed 14 days after your activity along with a sample form. These are due back 45 days after your activity along with any final budgets or other needed documentation.

3 Helpful Hints

Disclosures

Conflict of Interest

Summative QI Evaluations

All disclosures must be complete prior to role assignment for all individuals who come into a position to control the content of the education. This should be one of the first steps in your planning process. The new changes coming in August will extend the “look back” period from 12 months to 24 months to meet the new requirements. Disclosures will be valid for 12 months from date of completion.

If a conflict of interest is unable to be resolved according to the criteria, a 30 minute gap before AND after the presentation OR a room/location change before AND after the presentation must occur. This includes both virtual and in person offerings.

This also applies if a disclosure is not completed by a presenter.

The final evaluation of the activity must be in a narrative form per accreditation requirements. This helps to paint a more complete picture and shows you have digested the evaluation responses. It's also a great time to reflect on how your hard work has resulted in learning for your participants and areas you could improve for future activities.

Changes to Avera CE Portal or Application

Non-Clinical vs Clinical Content- NOW LIVE in application

On August 1st, all submitted applications will require NEW disclosures!

Joint Accreditation

This question, which is seen in both the 'Basic Information' tab as well as on each person in the 'Planners and Faculty' tab, is to meet the “Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education” changes. These changes allow an exception for disclosure completion when presenting non-clinical content. This is due to the fact that even if the person presenting the non-clinical content has a relationship with an ineligible company, they cannot bias participants since they are not talking about a clinical topic. Select the questions answer of non-clinical, clinical, or both that correlates with your activity and what your presenter is presenting on.

The new changes coming in August will extend the “look back” period from 12 months to 24 months to meet the new requirements. To accomplish this we will need new disclosures from everyone. For example, if a disclosure was completed on July 15th 2021, we will need a new one after August 1st. This is because the old disclosures only required a 12 month look back period and as of January 2022 will not meet criteria. Disclosures will be valid for 12 months from date of completion. We are hoping the August 1st launch will catch all 2022 applications and decrease overall burden on planners.

Joint Accreditation will allow Avera to have multiple accreditations in 1 review process- which means 1 set of “rules” to follow! Joint Accreditation promotes interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) activities specifically designed to improve interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP) in health care delivery. You will notice a shift from CE to IPCE in the future! We will submit an application in October 2021 and will know in December 2022, follow completion of the vetting process, if we are approved. Once we have approval, we will be able to offer several other nationally recognized credit types such as Pharmacist ACPE credit, and Social Work ASWB credit!

Participants Profile: May need to update for CE Portal to award credit

RSS Basic- Now have evaluations!

Coming Changes- Evaluations will have due date

Profession and degrees must align with credit type. See instructions in the [CE Planner Resource tab](#) under 'CE Portal Planner Resources, How to Guides'

In order for participants to receive credit during an RSS Basic activity (like a tumor board), they must text their attendance AND complete the 2 question evaluation.

Also, there is a 6 month evaluation for the program that will be deployed at the end of June and December. They will receive credit for completing this.

On January 1, 2022 we will roll out a due date for evaluations to be completed. More to come on what this date will be. It will not affect past courses. It's a great time to get your participants used to complete their evaluations soon after (or during) your event so they are able to receive CE credit. Reminder: Evaluation must be completed in order for CE credit to be awarded.