**Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Policy on Certified CME**

**and CNE Activities on the DHMC and DMS Campuses**

***Policy Statement:***

*Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) is committed to providing Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) activities that are linked to quality and safety, are effective in improving medical and nursing practice, are based on valid content, and are independent of commercial interests. Our CME and CNE accredited activities are for scientific and educational purposes only and will in no way promote products and services of the commercial interests either in the content or selection of topics.*

*To that end, as of September 1, 2008, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Dartmouth Medical School (DHMC/DMS) will* ***not*** *allow on their Lebanon and Hanover, NH campuses any certified CME or CNE activities other than those activities certified through the DHMC Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences (CCEHS). This restriction applies only to certified activities that are held on the DHMC or DMS campus.*

This policy has been endorsed by the DHMC/DMS Clinical Chairs and Center Directors, Chief Compliance Officer, the Chief Nursing Officer, and approved by the CME and CNE advisory committees as of June 2008, and will be adopted and implemented by the DHMC Office of Compliance and Audit, DMS Dean’s Office, and DHMC and DMS CME and CNE directors in the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences (CCEHS) as of September 1, 2008.

The goals of the policy are to protect DHMC’s compliance with increasingly restrictive continuing professional education accreditation requirements from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and to clarify for learners the faculty, educators and administrators who are responsible for the integrity of continuing professional education activities held at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Dartmouth Medical School.

Exceptions to this policy may be approved by the DMS Dean for CME or the Directors of CME or CNE. Request must be made during the initial planning (prior to development of the content), but no later than four months in advance.

Please direct any questions to: the Directors of Continuing Medical Education or Continuing Nursing Education at 603-653-1234.

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