



What the PDA Program is Doing to Assist Providers During the COVID-19 Crisis

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The PDA program has initiated several modifications to policies in an effort to assist PDA Providers during this unprecedented crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Live, Face-to-Face Presentations: We are currently working with Providers to convert their live, face-to-face presentation to a live-streaming webinar at no additional expense. We assist the Providers by reviewing the current live course application and updating it to reflect wording changes in the course description, goals and objectives and the content outline to meet continuing education requirements for webinars. Below are the instructions for converting a live presentation to a webinar.

- All demonstration and supervised practice hours must be changed to a lecture, case study, group discussion, etc.
- Revisions must be made to the course description, goals and objectives, and the content outline by replacing all wording associated with demonstrations and supervised practice with lecture, case study, group discussions, etc.
- The course title and number of PDA points must remain the same to comply with documentation requirements.
- The Provider should email the revised course description, goals and content outline to pda@thenccaom.org. PDA staff will assist the Providers by updating their current course information and repost it to the *NCCAOM® PDA Search Engine* as a webinar.

Please reach out to PDA staff at PDA@TheNCCAOM.org if you have courses that fit into one or more options listed above and we will be more than happy to work with you.

COVID-19 Courses: PDA is providing special benefits for COVID-19 courses including



posting the course to the NCCAOM website in the COVID-19 Resource page. The COVID-19 course must meet the following requirements:

- The course must be available to attendees free of charge.
- There must be no advertising associated with the course.
- The course addresses the treatment of the symptoms of COVID-19, not the actual disease.

Town Hall Meetings: The PDA program is working with state acupuncture associations to award 2 PDA points for their town hall meetings. Course application are required because the Provider must issue the PDA points, however the application fees are being waived for all state association's town hall meetings. Also being offered is an optional service of hosting the town hall meeting on the NCCAOM's website via GoTo Webinar.

Fast-Tracking Course Approvals: To assist Providers, PDA staff have been working to review and approve COVID-19 courses at a faster rate to provide this important information to NCCAOM Diplomates and AOM practitioners.

Adjusting Renewal and ADR Expiration Dates: The PDA program is working with Providers to adjust expiration dates for course renewals and ADR packages to help alleviate the financial burdens that Providers face caused by COVID-19 crisis.

The PDA staff understand the dire situation we all face with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are in this together and wish all our Providers the very best. More information to follow soon...

Questions? Email pda@thenccaom.org