

To: All MCEP Approved Providers

The Board of Psychology is proposing significant regulatory changes to align California's mandated CE program with programs in other states. The Board's CE committee has considered several options over the past eighteen months.

In November, 2008, the BOP's CE Committee recommended two options to the full Board. (See Board meeting highlights at [http://www.psychboard.ca.gov/about-us/meetings/nov08\\_highlights.shtml](http://www.psychboard.ca.gov/about-us/meetings/nov08_highlights.shtml) for more information.) No vote was taken at the November meeting.

At the February, 2009 meeting the Board voted to accept a proposal which will make substantial changes to the existing regulations. These changes include:

- eliminating the requirement for individual course review,
- eliminating the MCEP Accrediting Agency
- eliminating the 100% audit of licensee compliance.

The Board requested that their staff return in May with revised regulatory language. The draft regulation proposal the Board selected in February can be downloaded from the Provider section of the MCEP website ([www.mcepaa.org](http://www.mcepaa.org).)

We encourage you to read this document carefully. MCEP staff is working closely with the Board staff to integrate changes based on feedback from the Board's CE Committee, prior to the May meeting.

**This is the time to provide feedback.** We have a window of opportunity to work in an informal and collaborative fashion with the Board's staff and their legal counsel. Once the proposed regulations are scheduled for a public hearing, change takes a great deal more time and effort as it is subject to the terms of California's Administrative Procedures Act and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Based on what the Board staff presents in May, the Board of Psychology will either vote to have one more round of changes or to schedule a public hearing.

If you would like to provide feedback, please send it to me. I will compile your feedback with our feedback and work with the Board of Psychology staff to incorporate these suggestions into the next version of the proposed regulations.

To stay abreast of the outcome of this collaboration, please contact the Board of Psychology and request to be placed on their contact list to receive **both** the notices of upcoming meetings as well as the agenda packet. The agenda packet will include the proposed MCE regulation language.

The May BOP meeting is scheduled for May 8-9, in Los Angeles and it is open to the public.

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