



## Operating Policy and Procedure

SOM OP: 60.05 Appropriate Use of Commercial Support

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to describe the appropriate use of commercial support in continuing medical education activities. It is the policy of the TTUHSC Office of CME to abide by the ACCME Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, standard 4: Marketing. Commercial support shall be used appropriately.

### Procedures

1. The Office of CME shall make all decisions regarding disposition of commercial support funds.
2. Ineligible companies must not pay directly for any of the expenses of the CME learners.
3. The Office of CME shall document the terms, conditions, and purpose of the grant in a written agreement that is signed by both the Managing Director and a representative of the Office of CME and the representative of the commercial support company. The form of Agreement may be either the one developed by TTUHSC or the one developed by the company provided that it is an unrestricted grant and meets the requirements of the ACCME Standard for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. All grants for activities certified for credit by the TTUHSC shall be in the form of unrestricted educational grants. The Office of CME shall monitor the relationship between an accredited provider and a commercial supporter to ensure compliance with the terms, conditions, and amount of commercial support.