

CAAMA Updates

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Recredentialing Made More Flexible

Since CAAMA recredentialing was approved by the AAMA Board in the fall of 2001 to be implemented in 2002, we have received a number of members' comments and questions about the process. In response to those comments and questions, the CAAMA Committee has revised the *Professional Currency Points* required. The point system has been clarified and simplified. It has also been made more flexible at members' requests.

Earning the 30 *Professional Currency Points* over a three year period has been made easier for those who hold the CAAMA designation.

- All points earned from continuing education programs are equal to contact hours for the education programs. Up to six (6) contact hours per day may be applied to earning points.
- Fifteen (15) points must be earned from attendance at AAMA education programs over the three year period.
- The additional 15 points required may be earned from AAMA education programs OR Non-AAMA education programs presented by recognized healthcare associations or organizations. This includes CEUs or CMEs you earn in conjunction with your employment in healthcare administration. The additional 15 points may also be earned from service and employment.

Visit the AAMA website at www.aameda.org under Professional Advancement/Earn the CAAMA and find the How Do I Maintain the CAAMA? section for detailed information on *Professional Currency Points*.

Recredentialing for the CAAMA is required every three years. Criteria is as follows:

- Maintain membership in AAMA
- Earn 30 Professional Currency Points over three years.
- Submit the recredentialing fee.

The requirement for *Professional Currency Points* is being implemented in stages, those recredentialing in 2002 needed no points; those recredentialing in 2003 need 10 points; 2004 need 20 points. The full 30 points will be required for those who recredential in 2005.