

The Prior Approver

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Welcome to *The Prior Approver*, CDR's quarterly newsletter for CPE Providers. Summertime is in full swing, which means longer days and fun in the sun. Grab your favorite summertime beverage or snack, and read on for fall conference preparation tips, a podcast episode to enjoy during a summertime walk and other resources & updates!

Coffee with Graham Podcast

Coffee with Graham, a podcast with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) President and CEO Graham McMahon, MD, MMSc, features conversations about varying topics that affect clinicians, educators, and healthcare thought leaders in CME. [In this special episode](#), Colleen Tewksbury, PhD, MPH, RD, CSOWM, LDN, FAND, Chair of the Commission on Dietetic Registration, joins Graham to discuss evidence-based nutrition care, stigma-free communication, and how interprofessional teams can support sustainable behavior change amid widespread misinformation.



Questions? Email priorapproval@eatright.org

Prior Approval Numbers

79

New CPE Providers during second quarter of 2026

1,220

CPE activities approved during second quarter of 2026

111

New Accountable Contacts during second quarter of 2026



Preparing for a Fall Conference?

CDR is here with tips for a smooth submission process:

- Collect a **resume/CV/bio** for each speaker/presenter/moderator. Provide at least one item from CDR's [Content Criteria](#) #4 for individuals with **foreign degrees**.
- Provide at least **1-3 references** from best-available research evidence for each session.
- Include **locations of exhibits and live sessions** on the [timing outline](#) to confirm adherence to CDR policies. Utilize **Timing Outline Examples** in the Resources tab in the CDR CPE Provider portal.
- Submit recordings of live sessions as a separate application using **Activity Type 741: Enduring**.



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Test Your Prior Approval Knowledge

Your organization has invited exhibitors to be present during your annual fall conference. What should be indicated on the timing outline submitted to CDR to confirm adherence to CDR policy regarding marketing and commercial bias?

Check your answer below!



Answer: Confirm that the live lectures and exhibits adhere to CDR policies on the timing outline by including the following:

- At least 20 minutes before/after the CPE activity occurs if exhibits occur in the same physical space as CPE
- Locations of all live lectures and exhibits

Important Updates & Request for Feedback

Accountable Contact Training Now Available in the CPE Provider Portal

Access the training within the CPE Provider portal using the Accountable Contact Training tab.

Through September 30, 2026, contacts can access the training through either the learning management system or the CPE Provider portal. Beginning October 1, 2026, contacts must access the training through the CPE Provider portal.

Check out CDR's [Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Continuing Professional Education](#), along with [this article](#) from the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics!

CDR is requesting feedback from CPE Providers. Complete [this survey](#) and share helpful Prior Approval tips that you've received to assist other CPE Providers with the prior approval process!

