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Dear ACEP Administrator,

The counseling profession has grown and evolved significantly over the past decade. The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) has evolved along with it to meet the demands of the profession and raise the standards for continuing education.

The NBCC continuing education staff has evaluated the most recent NCC job analysis, the standards for professional counselors set forth by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the policies of other mental health continuing education approval bodies, findings from recent annual reviews of current ACEPs, and feedback from providers and counselors. This research made it clear that policy changes are necessary.

We are pleased to announce that the NBCC Board of Directors recently approved the new NBCC Continuing Education Provider Policy, which is designed to add value to the ACEP status; create structure for continuing education providers; and outline rules, regulations and clear procedures for approval, maintenance and termination.

We have created a resource page on the NBCC Web site where you can access the new policies and review the implementation timeline. NBCC continuing education staff will also post tutorials over the next several months to help you get acquainted with the requirements, get answers to frequently asked questions, and learn how to make any necessary changes to your programs and organization. Visit www.nbcc.org/newCEpolicy today to learn more.

The new policy offers a significant opportunity for ACEPs and other continuing education providers to demonstrate a commitment to the counseling profession and NBCC's high standards for continuing education and training. Thank you for offering the very best learning experiences to your participants.

Sincerely,

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