

Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses  
Continuing Education Committee  
Accredited approver Unit

Eligibility to apply to become an approved provider unit or to provide an individual activity

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This information is adapted from the “Frequently asked questions on the 2009 Manual” located on the ANCC web site <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/>

1. Effective August 1, 2009 a commercial interest company can no longer apply for accreditation or approval either as a provider unit or a provider of an individual activity.  
Currently approved applications will maintain approval status until **August 1, 2010**.

Commercial product companies include:

\*any entity either producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients or

\*an entity that is owned or controlled by an entity that produces, markets, re-sells, or distributes health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients.

Exceptions are made for non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies.

2. Effective August 1, 2009, an organization with a **majority** of CE activities targeted to an audience of nurses from outside the states of their HHS region (see map) or states contiguous to that region **MUST** apply to become an **accredited** provider through ANCC directly. Currently, these groups have had the option of *either* being approved through a state approver unit or accredited through ANCC. There is no option now to be approved through the state.

