Policy on Site Visits During Public Health Emergencies

A.) If a site visit will have been scheduled to occur at the time Federal, State or local public health policies or guidelines limit travel or assemblies, any program wishes to postpone a re-accreditation site visit that is mandated by ACPEinc policy or procedures, we will allow this and extend the validity period of accreditation until a visit becomes feasible. To be eligible for this extension, the program must have completed the Self-Study Application within the time specified by ACPEinc policy, and submitted a formal request for postponement with a statement of the reasons for it, to the Board of Trustees. It will be required to maintain its good standing during the time of the extension of validity of its accreditation.

B.) If the Board of Trustees determines, based on relevant information from federal, State or local public health policies and guidelines, that travel to the venue of a site visit may be detrimental to the health or safety of trustees or other members of a site visit team, it may unilaterally postpone the site visit. The validity period of accreditation of programs that applied for re-accreditation will be extended as provided in Section A. The accreditation period of new applicants will begin from the second meeting of the Board of Trustees following the initial site visit.

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