

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (APMA-CPME) COUNCIL ON PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of programs: 11

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education accredits institutions and programs leading to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree in the United States and its territories. (2004)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Initial recognition by CHEA in March 2004
Recognized for up to 10 years with a report, May 2015

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 29, 2025

Decision: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded continuing recognition for a term of seven years with an Interim Report due at the midpoint of the recognition term (April 1, 2029).

Summary of Prior Recognition Decisions

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, May 4-5, 2015: The CHEA Board of Directors awarded recognition for the maximum term of 10 years with a report. The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Podiatric Medical Association Council on Podiatric Medical Education (APMA-CPME). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

APMA-CPME demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Additional Determination: APMA-CPME is required to provide an update on adjustments to the Memorandum of Agreement with the American Podiatric Medical Association, if any, in its next Interim Report, especially any changes related to the Council's independence as called for in CHEA Eligibility Standard 9G and CHEA Recognition Standard 12F.