

## **POLICY 306: Delay of Joint Continuing Accreditation Visit for Advanced Practice Provider Programs**

The program administrator may formally request a delay or rescheduling of a visit for joint continuing accreditation. The ACEN Chief Executive Officer and ARC-PA Executive Director will jointly make the decision to grant or deny the request based on the reason(s) provided. The timeframe considered for a visit delay is up to six months. Delays are granted only when circumstances beyond the control of the advanced practice provider program occur; typically, these involve a major disruption (e.g., natural disaster, catastrophic fire) that interrupts the advanced practice provider program for current trainees. A change in the program administrator or implementation of a program change is not considered beyond the control of the advanced practice provider program.

Delays are not granted to advanced practice provider programs:

- That were already granted a delay.
- With a status of accreditation with contingency, continuing accreditation with probation, or continuing accreditation with show cause
- Having outstanding written documentation requested by the ACEN and ARC-PA<sup>1</sup>.
- Due for review following the granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN and ARC-PA.

<sup>1</sup>If an advanced practice provider program does not submit the written documentation by the date requested, the advanced practice provider program will be presented for action to the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners meeting or a special meeting may be called.

An advanced practice provider program that is granted a delay will be returned to its original visit schedule for the next joint accreditation visit.

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