



Gift and Sponsorship Acceptance Policy

In its search for funding to support its mission and activities, CCIC solicits contributions from multiple sources. CCIC and its membership are committed to avoiding conflict of interest or even its appearance in accepting financial support from corporations or other donors with vested interests in how consumers, the health care community, and education professionals regard products or services. To assure that conflicts of interest do not occur, CCIC's Board of Directors has determined that acceptance of general or targeted gifts from any source, and CCIC's subsequent relationship to these donors, shall be governed by the following principles and agreed upon by the donating organization:

- 1. CCIC will not accept funds from businesses that manufacture or distribute vaccines. CCIC values the contribution of time and participation of our many Coalition members representing these businesses, but also recognizes the importance of maintaining our reputation as an independent source of information for the Colorado community.**
2. The donor agrees to provide financial and/or in-kind support, which places no restrictions on project content, design or format issues.
3. The donor organization making a contribution agrees that it does not maintain an expectation of influence on CCIC's public policy and advocacy activities. Donors may participate in the public policy and advocacy activities of CCIC to the extent that all Coalition members, regardless of financial contribution, are encouraged and welcome.
4. Efforts will be made to receive financial and/or in-kind support from multiple donors. Contributions received by a donor will be pooled with other resources to support the development and implementation of programs and advocacy activities. CCIC agrees to acknowledge the financial contribution made by the donor organizations within the general CCIC guidelines for donor acceptance and dissemination policies.
5. The donor may receive only those data that are made publicly available. No data will be released to the donor organization that is deemed to be confidential in nature by CCIC.
6. For conferences and other activities, particularly if they involve Continuing Medical Education, donors agree that they will comply with the rules that govern displays and other promotional materials that have been adopted by the Colorado Medical Society and other similar organizations.
7. It is agreed that acceptance of financial and/or in-kind support from any donor organization in no way endorses any product(s), services, publications, medications, or the company.
8. Any corporation making a contribution in support of CCIC should comply with the Gift and Sponsorship Acceptance Policy. If it is felt that a contribution or grant falls outside of the policy guidelines, the Executive Director will refer the matter to the Executive Committee for further evaluation.
9. The Executive Committee will periodically review the donor acceptance policy and its execution to assure independence of CCIC and validate that there is no inappropriate influence by corporate or other donors during guideline development or implementation.