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June 29, 2015

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Dear Dr. Mychaskiw:

At its April 18-19, 2015 meeting, the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) reviewed and accepted the initial Provisional Accreditation site visit report from the March 17-18, 2015 visit to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM), located in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

At the meeting, the COCA also reviewed the initial awarding of Provisional Accreditation to BCOM. After deliberation and upon motion, the action of the COCA consisted of two sequential components:

- From April 19, 2015 through June 30, 2015, the accreditation status of the BCOM was "Pre-accreditation with permission to recruit, but not to admit students or offer instruction."
- **From July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, the accreditation status of the BCOM is Provisional Accreditation**, subject to reduction in status or advancement to Accreditation in 2020 as the COCA may determine. Beginning on July 1, 2015 the BCOM may admit students and proceed to offer instruction beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year with an approved class size of 150 students.

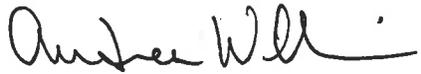
The monitoring of Provisional Accreditation is specified in *Accreditation of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine: COM Accreditation Standards and Procedures*, effective July 2014, Chapter II Applicant and Accreditation Procedures, under the section entitled "Review of Provisional Accreditation" (available from <http://www.aococa.org>):

Provisional accreditation status will be reviewed for renewal annually by the COCA concurrent with the academic progress of the first-, second-, and third-year classes of the COM. In order to obtain continuing provisional accreditation status for the second and each subsequent year of provisional accreditation status, the COM will demonstrate that it meets the standards of accreditation as described in Chapter I through annual submission of an updated self-study, and an on-site visit.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (312-202-8096; 800-621-1773; fax 312-202-8202; e-mail awilliams@osteopathic.org). Or, feel free to leave a message with Maria Kozicz, Accreditation Specialist (312-202-8124).

Sincerely,



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January 3, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) regarding BCOM's current accreditation status.

BCOM is currently accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA-COCA), recognized by the Secretary of Education to accredit osteopathic medical programs both as an institutional accreditor and as a programmatic accreditor. The AOA-COCA awarded what is now termed as "Preaccreditation" status to BCOM in 2016. This term is the terminology favored by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), and the AOA-COCA adopted this terminology to be in line with the USDE's terminology.

Under 34 C.F.R. §600.5, "Preaccredited" means "[a] status that a nationally recognized accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary to grant that status, has accredited an unaccredited public or private investor owned institution that is progressing toward accreditation within a reasonable period of time." As a preaccredited program, BCOM is fully able to function as an osteopathic medical school and must continue to meet accreditation standards in order to achieve its goal toward the status of "Accreditation," when it graduates its first class. Thereafter, the accreditation cycle is seven years. This process is not unlike the process allopathic medical schools (MD programs) experience to obtain accredited status from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

Accordingly, BCOM is considered accredited but its status remains "Preaccredited" because it has not yet graduated its first class of students. Nonetheless, BCOM is a fully functioning osteopathic medical school with all rights and privileges to recruit and operate in that capacity.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at bkim@osteopathic.org or 312-202-8039. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

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