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## **ARDMS Switches to “Fixed” Three-Year CME Periods for All Active Registrants**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, July 27, 2006) -- Due to popular demand, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) has changed the three-year “rolling” CME cycle (triennium) in which Registrants must earn continuing medical education credits (CME) to a “fixed” three-year CME period.

All Active Registrants are still required to complete at least 30 credit hours of ARDMS-approved CMEs within a three-year period in order to maintain Active status. However, now the time period in which to earn credit hours will move in block sets of three years instead of rolling each year.

Each Registrant’s three-year CME period was calculated based on the original certification date. For instance, a Registrant whose three-year CME period is Jan. 1, 2004 - Dec. 31, 2006 must earn a total of 30 CMEs during that three-year period of 2004, 2005 and 2006. The next three-year CME period would be 2007, 2008, 2009. The three-year CME period after that would be 2010, 2011, 2012. And so on.

ARDMS anticipates that these new CME periods will provide Registrants with a process that is easier to understand and follow. In addition, in the new system, Registrants will only be eligible for audit every three years, instead of every year.

In late July, all Active Registrants were sent a letter informing them of their new three-year CME fixed period. In addition, all Registrants can find out their period at any time by logging in to “Registrant Secured Services” on the ARDMS web site, [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org).

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