



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

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Brian Kim, Interim Secretary
American Osteopathic Association
Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
142 East Ontario Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Kim:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the the American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOACOCA). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I now find AOACOCA compliant and grant AOACOCA renewed recognition as a institutional and programmatic accrediting agency for a period of three years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to AOACOCA for a period of three years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Provisional Accreditation") throughout the United States of freestanding institutions of osteopathic medicine and of osteopathic medical programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of AOACOCA. We appreciate the work that the AOACOCA does to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diane Auer Jones".

Diane Auer Jones
Principal Deputy Under Secretary
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