##### Part III - Section I – Appendix C Continuing Education Reciprocity

On July 1, 1998, the Midwest Zone launched a project to simplify continuing education (CE) course approval filings for regulators and CE providers. Members of the Midwest Zone signed a reciprocity agreement that provides, in essence, that one member state will accept the CE credit award given to a course by another member state. As of March 31, 2004, 46 states and the District of Columbia had signed an addendum to the Midwest Zone Declaration regarding CE course approval and had agreed to participate in what is now referred to as the NAIC CE Reciprocity (CER) process. The agreement does not require any state to accept CE filings that are not otherwise approvable. For example, if a state does not award CE credit for a topic such as sales and marketing, that state is not required to give credits to that portion of a course that includes the prohibited topic. If your state is interested in participating, the process is as follows:

* + Review the information and forms on the NAIC Web site.
  + Make any needed changes in policies or forms to comply with the agreement.
  + The commissioner signs an addendum to the NAIC CE Reciprocity Agreement and forwards it to the Midwest Zone Chair. Please include a letter stating the date your state will be prepared to accept reciprocity filings.
  + The Midwest Zone will act on requests to join the project at Zone meetings held at the NAIC quarterly national meetings.
  + Inform your providers of the start date for reciprocity filings.

For the most current information, check the Producer Licensing (D) Task Force page on the NAIC Web site.