

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

June 2, 2021

Daniel Seitz, JD, Ed.D Executive Director P.O. Box 178 224 Main Street Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230

Dear Dr. Seitz:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). 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 section 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both Department staff and NACIQI recommend that I approve the Agency's request for renewal of recognition. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I approve the CNME application for continued recognition as a programmatic accreditor of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical education programs for a period of five years.

<u>Scope of Recognition</u>: The accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical education programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (NMN) or Doctor of Naturopathy (ND).

Sincerely,

Jordan Matsudaira Matsudaira

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