

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

In March 1999, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) awarded the Office of Continuing Medical Education full accreditation status for four years, with a progress report due in November 2000. After ACCME review of this report, our office was notified in April 2001, that we are in full compliance with the Essentials and Standards of the ACCME. We anticipate our next site visit in March 2003.

The mission of the Office of Continuing Medical Education is to provide educational activities designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and clinical competence of physicians in order to improve the quality of health care provided for the citizens of Alabama and the surrounding communities. In fulfilling our mission, the Office provided 440 hours of instruction to 388 physicians and 401 non-physician participants in ongoing and one-time events.