When do relationships create "conflicts of interest?"

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The ACCME considers financial relationships to create actual conflicts of interest in CME when individuals have both a financial relationship with a commercial interest and the opportunity to affect the content of CME about the products or services of that commercial interest.

In accredited CME, when an individual's interests are aligned with those of a commercial interest, the interests of the provider are in "conflict" with the interests of the public. The interests of the people controlling CME must always be aligned with what is in the best interests of the public.

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