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COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION

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May 21, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation's (COCA) Vice President of Accreditation and Interim COCA Secretary, I am writing to confirm that Rocky Vista University – Montana College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVU-MCOM) is fully accredited by the COCA. RVU-MCOM, located in Billings, MT, is a branch campus of its parent COM Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) in Parker, CO.

To provide enough background for clarity, COCA classifies the addition of a branch campus as a "substantive change" for the parent COM. COCA's August 1, 2020 Substantive Change Policies offer the following definition:

"A branch campus is a location that is geographically apart from the parent COM and

1. Is permanent in nature;
2. Offers courses in educational programs leading to a DO degree;
3. Has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and
4. Has its own budgetary and hiring authority."

COCA's Substantive Change Policies further state:

"The accreditation for a branch campus is under the parent COM and is granted at the time permission to enroll students is granted."

The COCA granted RVU-MCOM permission to recruit and enroll students on July 20, 2022. Simultaneously, COCA granted RVU-MCOM the status of full Accreditation.

The parent RVUCOM and its branch campus, RVU-MCOM, next accreditation visits will occur in Academic Year (AY) 2025 – 2026.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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