



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

## MEMORANDUM

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TO:            Credentialing Administrator(s)

FROM:         American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

SUBJECT:      Change in ABPN Certification Status Reporting

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As of January 2012, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) implemented new certification standards which specify that ongoing certification with ABPN is contingent upon meeting the requirements of Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Once a diplomate is certified or their current, time-limited certificate expires, these individuals are required to enroll in the Continuous Maintenance of Certification Program (C-MOC) and successfully complete specific requirements throughout ongoing MOC cycles to maintain certification. Accordingly, the ABPN no longer issues certificates with specific end dates to certification.

### Utilizing an Annual Re-Verification Date

The ABPN recognizes that some entities may still require a certification end date to complete verification. To assist in this process, we encourage credentialers to utilize an annual re-verification date of March 1<sup>st</sup> in any given year. Please note, this date is not necessarily reflective of individual MOC requirements, nor does it indicate certification or MOC cycle end dates.

ABPN diplomate certification status will only change at the beginning of a specific year unless a certificate is invalidated or revoked for disciplinary reasons. Therefore, by utilizing the annual re-verification date suggested, you will have accurate information about diplomate's current certification status via the ABPN verifyCERT™ web site.

### Lifetime Certification

Lifetime certificate holders are not required to participate in MOC to remain certified by ABPN; however, those who have chosen to participate are designated as "meeting MOC requirements" on the ABPN verifyCERT™ web site.

*Verification of a diplomate's current board certification status can be accessed at no charge via the ABPN web site, <http://www.abpn.com/verifycert> .*

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