



Memorandum

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To: Credentialing Administrators

From: The American Board of Pediatrics

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RE: Change in ABP Certification Status Reporting

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) no longer issues certificates with specific end dates, but it recognizes that some entities may still require a certification end date to complete primary-source verification. To assist in this process, we encourage credentialers to utilize an annual re-verification date of **February 15** each year.

Please note, this date is not necessarily reflective of individual MOC requirements, nor does it indicate certification or MOC cycle end dates.

An ABP diplomate's certification status will only change at the beginning of a specified year, unless a certificate is revoked for disciplinary reasons. Therefore, by **utilizing the annual re-verification date suggested**, you will have accurate information about a diplomate's current certification status. In addition, diplomates now have the ability to download documentation regarding their current certification status via their online ABP portfolio.

Permanent Certification

Permanent certificate holders are not obligated to participate in MOC to remain certified by the ABP; however, those who have chosen to participate are designated as "meeting the requirements of MOC" on the verification section of the ABP Web site.

Primary-source verification of a diplomate's current board certification status can be accessed at no charge via the ABP Web site, www.abp.org.

Please note that only diplomates who are currently certified will be listed on this site.