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Statement by the [Federation of Pediatric Organizations](#) (FOPO) on MOC

Four years ago, FOPO* held a two-day public convening on the future of Maintenance of Certification (MOC). All seven FOPO organizations, including the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), agreed on a set of improvements to MOC. The central improvement involved switching from an every 10-year secure exam to a longitudinal assessment platform. In 2017, the ABP rolled out MOCA-Peds as the longitudinal assessment platform for pediatricians and has since suspended the requirement for the secure exam. Other improvements to MOC facilitated by collaborative discussions in FOPO can be found [here](#).

Last week, the American Board of Medical Specialties issued a [press statement](#) marking the release of the [final report](#) from an independent stakeholder Commission on *Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission (Vision Initiative Commission)*. The conclusions of this Commission align closely with the work that FOPO conducted four years ago and which has allowed the ABP to have an early start in improving continuing certification. These events illustrate the importance of all pediatric organizations working together through FOPO to advance child health.

Sincerely,

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**FOPO is composed of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Academic Pediatric Association, American Pediatric Society, American Board of Pediatrics, Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Association of Pediatric Program Directors, and Society for Pediatric Research. The purpose of FOPO is to promote optimal health for children by building on the efforts and expertise of the member organizations, and on the relationships between the member organizations to accomplish shared goals.*

