



## ABP Corporate Policy Request for Verification

If an inquiry is made to the ABP regarding the eligibility or certification status of an individual, the response given will only be whether the individual is certified or not. Verification of certification can be done online, over the phone or by a letter of verification status.

Upon receipt of a signed release form provided by the ABP, information will be released regarding whether an individual's application to take a general or subspecialty certifying examination was accepted. This information will be released only in writing, not by phone or e-mail.

### INFORMATION FOR THE VERIFICATION OF STATUS LETTER

Listed below is the information that will and will not be reported in a Verification of Status letter from the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) for general pediatrics and subspecialties of the ABP.

Letters will report:

1. If a physician is board certified or not.
2. The year a physician became certified/recertified, the certificate number and the status in Maintenance of Certification (MOC), if applicable.
3. With a release statement (furnished by the ABP) and signed by the candidate/diplomate, the year the candidate/diplomate's application(s) was/were accepted to take a certifying examination(s) and expiration date of that acceptance.

Letters will not report:

1. If a physician is "board eligible."
2. If a physician has failed an examination.
3. If a physician is registered for a current examination or has taken an examination in the past.

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