



Policy on Regaining Certification in ABEM Co-sponsored Subspecialties

BACKGROUND

The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) provides options for physicians formerly certified in an ABEM Co-sponsored subspecialty to regain certification.

This policy is effective beginning 2024.

POLICY

All physicians formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty regaining certification must continuously maintain medical licensure in compliance with the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure.

Physicians Formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty must pass the subspecialty initial certification examination to regain certification.

Physicians Formerly Certified in an ABEM Co-sponsored Subspecialty Whose Certificates Were Revoked Due to Non-compliance with the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure

- If a certificate expires while it is revoked, the physician formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty may not regain certification unless his or her medical licensure is determined to meet the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure.
- When a physician formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty's medical licensure is determined to meet policy, the method by which he or she may regain certification by either passing the subspecialty's initial certification examination as outlined above.

Clinical Activity Status for Formerly Certified Physicians Who Regain Certification

ABEM will designate a physician formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty who regains certification as "clinically active" regardless of their clinical activity status at the time their previous certification expired. Physicians certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty can reset their status to "clinically inactive." Physicians certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty who have indicated that they are clinically inactive do not have Improvement in Medical Practice requirements.

PROCEDURES

Physicians formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty who are attempting to regain certification must submit an application, with an application fee. While attempting to regain certification, the process will be governed by the Policy on Maintaining Open and Active Applications to Regain Subspecialty Certification, which requires examination activity at least once every three years to keep the application to regain certification open.

Physicians formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty who pass the subspecialty's initial certification examination will be issued a new certificate dated the date of the examination results letter or

December 31 of the year in which the examination was taken, whichever is earlier, and with a clinical activity status of “clinically active.”

APPEALS

ABEM maintains an appeal process for physicians formerly certified in an ABEM co-sponsored subspecialty who do not fulfill the requirements described in this policy.

EXCEPTION

None.

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