



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Credentialing Administrator(s)

FROM: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

SUBJECT: ABPN Certification Status Reporting

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 Continuing Certification (CC) throughout ongoing CC cycles to maintain certification. Continuing Certification/CC is for diplomates who pass an assessment (initial certification or CC) in **2012 or later**. CC is contingent on a diplomate meeting all ABPN requirements of the CC Program and, therefore, does not have an expiration date. Accordingly, the ABPN no longer issues certificates with specific end dates to certification.

Utilizing an Annual Reverification 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 reverification date of **March 1st** in any given year. ABPN reverifies and reports CC status annually to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) by March 1. Please note, this date is not necessarily reflective of individual CC requirements, nor does it indicate CC cycle end dates, and therefore should not be interpreted as an expiration date.

ABPN diplomate certification status may change at other times of the year if a certificate is invalidated for disciplinary reasons or for not meeting Board licensure requirements. You can always obtain information about a diplomate's current certification status via the ABPN verifyCERT™ web site.

Lifetime Certification

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

Psychosomatic Medicine transitions to Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry

Beginning in 2018, certification in the subspecialty of Psychosomatic Medicine transitioned to the name of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry.

Verification of a diplomate's current board certification status can be accessed at no charge via the ABPN web site, <https://apps.abpn.org/verifycert/> or on the ABMS web site, www.certificationmatters.org/.