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## 2010 MOCA UPDATES

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#### A. Status of Individuals in MOCA

The ABA will now report if a physician is enrolled in the MOCA program and whether they are actively participating in the program. This information will be displayed on the ABA's website under the Diplomate and Candidate Directory for each physician in the program. The ABA's Booklet of Information (Section 4.02.H) defines what it means to be participating:

#### **“Certified – Participating in MOCA”**

A MOCA candidate is considered to be actively participating in the MOCA program if they are making continuous progress toward completing all of the requirements as measured by:

- (1) Maintaining professional standing satisfactory to the ABA, which includes:
  - a. Holding an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction of the United States or Canada. Further, all US and Canadian medical licenses that a diplomate holds must be unrestricted.
  - b. Updating the current expiration date(s) of their medical license(s) no later than 60 days after renewal via the ABA website.
  - c. Informing the ABA of any actions taken against their medical license(s) within 60 days of the final action.
- (2) Actively participating in Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA) activities, which includes:
  - a. Completing and reporting to the ABA one half (175 credits) of the total LLSA requirement by the end of year 5 of the 10-year MOCA cycle.
  - b. Completing and reporting to the ABA the total LLSA requirement of 350 credits by the end of year 10.
- (3) Actively participating in Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI) activities, which includes:
  - a. Satisfactory completion of the first PPAI activity by the end of year 5.
  - b. Satisfactory completion of the second PPAI activity by the end of year 10.

#### **“Certified – Not Participating in MOCA”**

A MOCA candidate is considered to be “Not Participating in MOCA” if they are unable to complete the above requirements in the specified timeframes. A one year grace period will be given to a MOCA candidate to complete the requirements and regain “Active” status. If a MOCA candidate is unable to complete the program requirements by the expiration date of their current time-limited certificate, then they will be classified as “Expired” and “Not Board Certified”.

## 2010 MOCA UPDATES (continued)

### **B. Expired Time-Limited Certificates**

The ABA has now defined a policy for those diplomates who do not complete the MOCA program requirements before their time-limited Anesthesiology Certification expires. Below is the policy which can also be found in Section 4.02.I of the ABA's Booklet of Information:

- (1) Time-limited certificate holders who fail to meet the Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) program requirements by the expiration of their most recent primary or MOCA certificate will have their certification status changed to "expired". In order to regain their certification status of "diplomate", they must complete all of the MOCA program requirements within the preceding 10 years:
  - a. The ABA will move their 10-year MOCA cycle forward one year. Any activities that were completed in the original year 1 (i.e. CME) are removed and they are required to redo those activities.
  - b. Upon successful completion of all of the MOCA program requirements (which are defined by their original MOCA cycle), the ABA will issue that physician a MOCA certificate valid for 10 years from the date of completion of the program.
  - c. If the physician fails to complete the requirements within a year after the expiration of their certificate, then their MOCA cycle moves forward another year and they lose the activities that were completed in year 1.
  - d. The ABA will move a MOCA cycle forward, a year at a time, for up to three years.
- (2) For former diplomates, who do not complete the MOCA program requirements within three years of the expiration of their most recent primary or MOCA certificate, to reestablish their status as an ABA diplomate, they must complete the following three steps:
  - a. Reestablish their qualifications for admission to the examination system (see Section 2.04.F)
  - b. Apply to the ABA for primary certification within three years of having reestablished their qualifications for admission to examination.
  - c. Pass the Part 1 and Part 2 examinations under the new application.

If the candidate does not successfully complete the requirements for primary certification, their application will be declared void. They may submit a second application for primary certification. If the second application is subsequently declared void, then they must re-establish their qualifications for admission to the examination system.

### **C. Part II Requirement for MOCA candidates who enter in 2010**

All newly certified diplomates and non-time limited diplomates who enter the MOCA program after January 1, 2010, are required to complete the following once during their 10-year MOCA cycle:

**90** Category 1 credits of the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) Self-Education and Evaluation (SEE) program and/or the ASA's Anesthesiology Continuing Education (ACE) program.

AND

20 Category 1 credits of Patient Safety CME.

Both the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) offer Patient Safety Modules:

The ASA Patient Safety Modules are available at <http://psmcme.asahq.org>.

The ABMS Patient Safety Modules (offered by HealthStream) are available at [www.healthstream.com/hlc/theaba](http://www.healthstream.com/hlc/theaba). (NOTE: Internet Explorer must be used to access this Web site.)

