The ABMS Board Certification Credentials Profile includes information about a physician’s board certification and continuing certification (MOC) participation status. The “Certification” display includes the status of all a physician’s specialty (and subspecialty, if any) certificates from an ABMS Member Board. See the sample profile at the end of this document.

- **Board Certification status** shows either “certified” or “not certified” for each certificate listed.
- **Participating in MOC** means that a physician is committed to and engaged in the assessment and learning activities required by his or her certifying board(s) to improve the effectiveness, safety, and efficiency of their practices. The physician’s certifying board(s) determines whether a physician is in compliance. The “Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC)” display includes the status of all a physician’s specialty (and subspecialty, if any) certificates from an ABMS Member Board. For each certificate listed, either “Yes”, “No” or “Not Required” is shown to indicate status.
  - “Yes” indicates the physician is engaged in the MOC assessment and learning activities required by his or her certifying Member Board(s).
  - “No” may be listed due to a variety of reasons. For example, a physician may have chosen not to participate in MOC. Or, the physician may be participating, but not meeting the Member Board(s) MOC program requirements. More information is available from the particular ABMS Member Board.
  - “Not required” indicates that the physician became board certified before the Member Board established its MOC program and is therefore not required to participate. This is noted in a disclaimer at the bottom of the profile page.

If the participation status information is missing, the physician’s certifying Member Board(s) has not made it available to ABMS. Examples of why the information has not been provided to ABMS could include technical issues, delays in confirming the MOC status of a board certified physician, or other factors specific to the physician. ABMS will display publicly whether that physician is participating in MOC as soon as it receives the information from his or her certifying board(s).

Physicians with time-limited certificates from an ABMS Member Board who are not participating in MOC will remain board certified until the time on their certificate expires according to the certifying board’s policy. The physician’s Board Certification Credentials Profile will show “No” for Participating in MOC. The Profile also will indicate a certificate that has expired when that date has passed. With regard to physicians who have non-time limited certificates, participation in MOC is strongly encouraged by their certifying Member Boards. For more information, call the Member Board regarding their particular policy.

Physicians with board certifications from ABMS Member Boards that have eliminated end dates in favor of a Continuing MOC process could have the status of their certificate changed (according to board policy) if 1) he or she is not participating in MOC, 2) has exhausted any grace periods related to participation, and 3) is at the end of the cycle set by the Member Board.

- **Reverification Date** ABMS Member Boards that have eliminated certificate end dates recognize that some entities may still need a date to complete Primary Source Verification. To ensure accurate certification status, the Member Boards provide an annual reverification date. The physician certification status will only change once a year, unless a certificate is revoked for disciplinary reasons. ABMS and ABMS Solutions recommend reverifying those physicians’ status on or after the reverification date listed.
- **Recertification Date** identifies the end of the current period for a physician with a time-limited certificate. This period can vary in length with each board that utilizes a recertification date.
Sample ABMS Board Certification Credentials Profile

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To become Board Certified, a physician must achieve expertise in a medical specialty or subspecialty that meets the profession-driven standards and requirements of one (or more) of the 24 ABMS certifying boards. To maintain Board Certification, the certifying boards may require physicians, depending on their date of initial certification, to participate in on-going programs of continuing learning and assessment (Maintenance of Certification) designed to help them remain current in an increasingly complex practice environment.

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DOB: 02/08/1968
Education: 1993 MD (Doctor of Medicine)
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American Board of Medical Specialties

Board Certification(s):

American Board of Internal Medicine

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Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - Yes

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