LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

EFFORTS TO REGULATE CERTIFICATION

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24 Independent Member Boards | 40 Specialties | 87 Subspecialties

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PHYSICIAN CONCERNS

• Not integrated with practice
• Difficult to navigate
• Redundant and low value activities
• High stakes examination
  – Examination content and process not relevant
  – Preparation burden and cost
  – Failure → risk of losing clinical privileges
• Not meeting learning and improvement needs
ADDITIONAL FRONTS

• Appeals to state medical boards for recognition of simple CME to substitute for certification
• Six lawsuits alleging anti-trust and RICO violations
• Professional Certification Coalition to address State licensing rules that would gut private certification programs

– bar professionals holding private certifications from using the titles “certified” or “registered”;
– create barriers to state professional licensure laws that recognize or require private certifications; and/or
– establish governmental certification programs that to supplant private certification programs, in some circumstances.
Collaborative effort brought together multiple stakeholders to envision the future of continuing board certification.

- Recommendations re principles, frameworks and program models for the continuing board certification system that are:
  - responsive to the needs of those who rely on it
  - relevant, meaningful and of value to certificate-holders

The Commission gathered substantial stakeholder input

- Stakeholder testimony February 2018 – January 2019
- Extensive testimony and comments on draft report

Commission recommendations were considered during the ABMS BOD meeting on February 24-27, 2019
THEMES

Continuing certification should:
• Deliver value to physicians
• Yield a trusted credential for patients and other stakeholders
• Be developed collaboratively within the profession
• Balance burden and benefit

Practical implications
• Coherent elements linked to desired outcomes
• Integrate with practice workflow
• Formative assessment to support learning and improvement
• Portfolio-based v. single-point-in-time judgments that knowledge and skill standards have been met
• Positive engagement of certificate-holders
• New relationships with professional organizations and other stakeholders