

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

Kentucky's Maintenance of Certification process (MOC) is already a complicated, time-consuming, costly and often intrusive process for physicians. Unfortunately, certain national organizations want to expand requirements for recertification despite the absence of data demonstrating it improves patient care. **Senate Bill 17** addresses concerns with MOC requirements.

THE ISSUE

Certain national organizations are encouraging the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to require even more strenuous and unnecessary certification processes for Kentucky physicians. This is despite the absence of evidence suggesting it would improve patient care.

- National specialty certification organizations are funded by recertification exams and encourage them in order to reap additional profits.
- They have advised the Federation of State Medical Boards, of which the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure is a member, to include the MOC or similar processes in the state licensure procedure.

THE PROBLEM

Kentucky already faces a shortage of physicians and mandating maintenance of certification would only make it worse. Adding unnecessary licensure requirements that have not been scientifically proven to increase care to patients would only further exacerbate a growing problem in the Commonwealth.

- Recertification requirements added to the state's licensure process would add cost burdens on physicians who are already entering the marketplace with hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt.
- Physicians are forced to spend resources and time away from patients to address this cumbersome and unnecessary recertification process.

THE SOLUTION

Legislation should be enacted that prohibits the state from mandating Maintenance of Certification or similar processes as a condition of licensure. This legislation would help create a more inviting and consistent environment to attract and maintain physicians in the Commonwealth.

- This ensures physicians are not wasting time and resources on tests that in no way reflect how medicine is practiced in real time.
- It also ensures physician focus on patient care instead of on maintaining administrative certifications.

Please Support Senate Bill 17