

RESOLUTION

Subject: Maintenance of Certification Requirements for Insurance Plans  
Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society and McCracken County Medical Society  
Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) have been making an effort to pass legislation requiring physicians to participate in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) nationwide; and

WHEREAS, many hospital systems, employers, insurers and other entities now require physicians to participate in MOC and/or MOC activities in order to keep their board certification up-to-date or they will lose hospital staff privileges and/or be unable to remain on insurance panels; and

WHEREAS, MOC and MOL activities have never been proven to improve patient care, but decrease the number of physicians that are actively practicing if they do not continue to maintain these re-certification activities; and

WHEREAS, MOC and MOL activities are onerous, expensive and disrupt the patient-physician relationship by causing the physician to take time away from his/her practice to participate in the required activities and testing; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky legislature passed legislation in the past general session to prevent MOC and/or MOL activities to be required to maintain a license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association oppose hospital systems, employers, insurers and other entities restricting a physician's right to practice medicine without interference due to lack of maintenance of certification or due to a lapse of time-limited board certification as long as the physician is in good standing with the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure and has completed the required Continuing Medical Education activities necessary for maintaining a license.