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**GRANDFATHERING PERIOD EXTENDED FOR
ABPN BRAIN INJURY MEDICINE CERTIFICATION**

September 20, 2016, Buffalo Grove, Illinois --- The grandfathering period or temporary criteria for practice time required to qualify for ABPN certification in brain injury medicine has been extended from the year 2018 to 2022.

The American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR), who administers the brain injury medicine exam, has received an extension from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) of the grandfathering period for applicant practice time to qualify for the certification examination in brain injury medicine. Previously set to expire after the 2018 exam administration, it has been extended through the 2022 exam administration.

The grandfathering period or temporary criteria is an alternative to one year of ACGME-accredited fellowship training in brain injury medicine. During the grandfathering period, applicants may qualify for examination in brain injury medicine if they can provide the following:

Documentation of satisfactory completion of 12 months of fellowship training in a non-ACGME-accredited brain injury medicine fellowship program affiliated with an ACGME-accredited psychiatry, neurology, or child neurology residency training program. The brain injury medicine fellow must have satisfactorily completed an ACGME-accredited psychiatry, neurology, or child neurology residency prior to entering the brain injury medicine program. Training or exposure to brain injury medicine given to psychiatry, neurology, or child neurology residents as part of their basic psychiatry, neurology, or child neurology curriculum does not count toward the one year of training. Training must be completed by July 31 of the year of the examination.

OR

Attestation of a minimum of 25% of practice time in the United States devoted to brain injury medicine beyond completion of residency training in the primary specialty for a minimum of three years (within the last five years). The practice should be adequately broad to reasonably reflect the full scope of brain injury medicine.

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Applicants must also meet additional requirements outlined in the most recent ABPN Information for Applicants document on the ABPN website. Although the ABPMR administers the exam, ABPN Diplomates apply through the ABPN.

The next administration of the exam is in 2018. For more information, visit www.abpn.com or contact us at questions@abpn.com.

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