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**GRANDFATHERING PERIOD EXTENDED FOR
ABPN EPILEPSY CERTIFICATION**

March 21, 2017, Buffalo Grove, Illinois --- The “grandfathering” period or temporary criteria for practice time required to qualify for American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. (ABPN) certification in epilepsy has been extended from the year 2017 to 2018.

The ABPN 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 epilepsy. Previously set to expire after the 2017 exam administration, it has been extended through the 2018 exam administration.

The grandfathering period is an alternative to one year of ACGME-accredited fellowship training in epilepsy. During this period, applicants may qualify for examination in epilepsy if they can provide the following:

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

OR

Attestation of 25% of practice time devoted to epilepsy beyond completion of residency training in the primary specialty for a minimum of two years.

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During the grandfathering period or temporary criteria, fellowship training in clinical neurophysiology (CNP) may be used in lieu of fellowship training in epilepsy provided that the clinical neurophysiology training has not been used in the credentialing process for CNP or for any other ABPN subspecialty examination. If clinical neurophysiology training is used to credential for certification in epilepsy, it cannot subsequently be used to credential for certification in clinical neurophysiology.

Applicants must also meet additional requirements outlined on the ABPN [website](#) or in the most recent ABPN Information for Applicants document.

The next administration of the exam is October 22-26, 2018. For more information, visit www.abpn.com or contact us at questions@abpn.com.

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