



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

Intent to Drop Primary Certification Attestation

Effective July 2019, those American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. (ABPN) diplomates currently certified in a multidisciplinary subspecialty administered by an ABMS member board **other than** the ABPN now have the **option** of following the lead of the administering ABMS member board regarding their primary certification requirements.

Under this new policy, ABPN diplomates in the following multidisciplinary subspecialties only, **may** follow the administrative board's policies concerning maintaining or not maintaining their primary certification. Please consult the appropriate website for policy information:

- Brain Injury Medicine: [American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#)
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine: [American Board of Internal Medicine](#)
- Pain Medicine: [American Board of Anesthesiology](#)
- Sleep Medicine: [American Board of Internal Medicine](#)

Effect on Certification Status

If I elect to let my primary certification lapse, I am aware that I can no longer state or imply, verbally or in writing, that I am board certified in psychiatry, neurology and neurology with the special qualification in child neurology and I agree to immediately correct all advertising, CVs, directory listings, business cards, signature lines, etc. I understand that in response to any requests regarding my primary ABPN certification status, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) and the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) will verify my status as “not certified.”

Subspecialty MOC Requirements in Effect

I understand that in dropping my primary certification, I am still responsible to fulfill all ABPN maintenance of certification (MOC)/Continuing Certification requirements (Parts I-IV) to maintain my subspecialty certification.

Impact on Practice

I understand that the ABPN has encouraged me to investigate and carefully review the policies of various external stakeholders (including but not limited to my state licensing board, medical staff, and insurance panels) and any contracts that I may be a party to in an effort to ensure that dropping my primary ABPN certification will not have a negative impact on me, my practice, or these other entities.

Impact on Future Subspecialty Certification

I am aware that I must have primary ABPN certification in order to become certified in any additional subspecialty offered by the ABPN. This policy will not change the requirements for those diplomates that hold ABPN-administered subspecialties. The current exception is Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Diplomates certified in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry are not required to maintain their general Psychiatry certification or to sit for the Psychiatry MOC exam.

Impact on Volunteer Participation

I understand that I must maintain primary ABPN certification in order to volunteer as a committee member.

Regaining Primary Certification

I understand that I must comply with the ABPN policies in effect at the time that I seek to regain primary ABPN certification. See our current [MOC Booklet](#) for the ABPN policy.

Compliance with Policy Requirements

I agree that the ABPN is not liable for any consequences, seen or unforeseen, of my choice to drop my primary ABPN certification.

Print Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please download, complete and email form to credentials@abpn.com.