

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Task Force  
on CME Provider/Industry Collaboration

## COLLABORATING TO IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH OUTCOMES



### **Implications of MOC / MOL for CME Collaborations**

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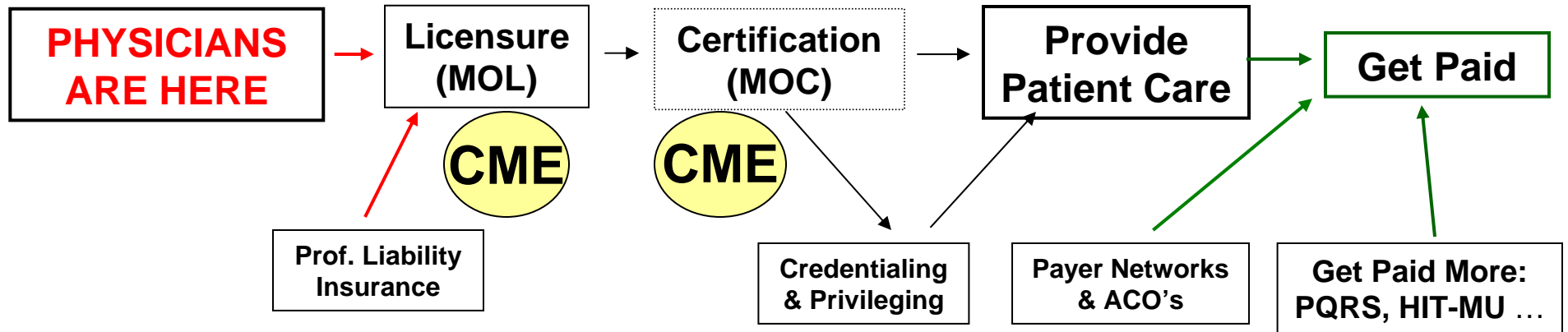
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## Session Learning Objective

Requirements are evolving for physicians' demonstration of lifelong learning to fulfill their responsibilities for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)

- Learn how the changes impact CME providers & supporters

# Why are MOC & MOL important to us?



Also vital, but usually not formally required:

Professional Society  
Membership

CME

**What % of practicing physicians  
hold an active medical license?**

- a) 44%
- b) 87%
- c) 100%
- d) Unknown

**What % of specialty certifying boards require physicians to participate in MOC?**

- a) 44%
- b) 87%
- c) 100%**
- d) Unknown

# What should we know about MOC & MOL?

# MOC

American Board of Medical Specialists (ABMS):

*“Specialists within every discipline should be required to meet the highest standards of accountability”*

# **MOC process for continuous learning & evaluation**

- Part I: Professional Standing
- Part II: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
- Part III: Cognitive Expertise
- Part IV: Practice Performance Assessment

## Which of these have been formally adopted by the ABMS?

- a) ACGME's Core Competencies
- b) ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support
- c) IOM's core competencies
- d) All of the above

## How are PI CME and MOC related?

- a) Some PI CME qualifies for MOC (if ABMS approves the activity)
- b) Some PI CME qualifies for MOC (each Board decides)
- c) All PI CME qualifies for MOC part IV
- d) All MOC part IV activities qualify for PI CME credit

# MOL

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB):

*“State medical boards have a responsibility to the public to ensure the ongoing competence of physicians seeking re-licensure”*

## **CURRENT APPROACH TO LICENSURE RENEWAL:**

- Annual or biennial renewal (application and fee)
- Documentation of CME is required in 62 of the 70 jurisdictions
- Specific CME requirements vary (# of hours, specific content)

**How many licensing jurisdictions  
require physicians to earn CME?**

- a) 15
- b) 62
- c) All
- d) None

**How many states mandate  
topic-specific CME?**

- a) 15
- b) 27
- c) None
- d) All

# How are MOC & MOL evolving?

## New ABMS – ACCME MOC-CME Working Group

- Established in Aug 2011 to “*develop a proposal for integrating CME into the conceptual framework & evolving nature of MOC*”
- 20 reps (5 from ABMS; 5 from ACCME; 5 staff; 5 at-large reps)
- They will review: responses to the earlier (spring 2011) MOC CME white paper and findings from:
  - ABMS’s 2011 survey on Boards’ understanding of CME
  - Alliance’s 2011 survey on CME providers’ understanding of MOC
- Their MOC-CME proposal is anticipated in late ‘12 or early ‘13

# New MOL Framework

adopted as policy by FSMB in April 2011

*“Evidence of participation in continuous professional development that is practice relevant, informed by objective data sources, and includes activities aimed at improving performance in practice”*

## **MOL COMPONENTS:**

- I. Reflective self-assessment
- II. Assessment of knowledge and skills
- III. Performance in practice

## FSMB's Additional MOL Recommendations

- Provide documented evidence of compliance
- Non-clinically active physicians with active licenses should comply
- Physicians with inactive licenses must meet MOL for re-entry
- Practice performance data should not be reported to State Medical Board; provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party attestation of use of data
- Explore reciprocity or similar requirements for neighboring states

**Soon several states are expected to pilot  
approaches to MOL**

# What can we do about MOC & MOL?

## Do certifying boards allow commercial support for MOC?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Some boards prohibit commercial support for certain expenses
- d) All boards prohibit commercial support for certain expenses

**Will medical licensing boards allow  
commercial support for MOL?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Each board will decide
- d) Unknown at this time

# What should we do?

## Raise Awareness

- Monitor new developments in MOC & MOL
  - Watch websites for announcements
  - Follow survey responses when available
- Encourage colleagues to become informed:
  - Read proposals & survey results when available
  - Participate in educational webinars

## Support Advances in Health Professionals' Lifelong Learning & Performance Improvement

- Conduct (or learn from) scholarly research on best practices in CPD, PI CME, MOC, MOL
- Support standardization that facilitates physicians' ability to "do the right thing" (consistency of terminology, criteria, etc.)

## For Further Information Visit:

- [www.ABMS.org](http://www.ABMS.org)
- [www.ACCME.org](http://www.ACCME.org)
- [www.AMA.org](http://www.AMA.org)
- [www.FSMB.org](http://www.FSMB.org)

# Discussion