

Dear NBPAS Diplomates,

Thank you for all your support and continued certification. It's been a very busy year for NBPAS and we believe 2018 will be even more significant in our fight against ABMS's MOC mandate.

Here is a quick 2017 update:

- 12,000 letters were written to state legislators to inform and gain support for limiting MOC participation for hospital privileges and contracts with payers.
- Over 6000 physicians are certified by NBPAS
- Five new state laws have been passed, limiting the requirement of MOC
- 15 states have pending anti-MOC bills in-process
- 64 hospitals now accept NBPAS board certification
- 475 current NBPAS Volunteer Advocates

Thank you for your help and support, we have made tremendous progress in 2017, and we look forward to continuing the fight in 2018. It is time we return the regulation of physician practices to the state medical board, freeing physicians from onerous and counterproductive MOC mandates.

Here is a recent article written by an attorney who works at the FTC about the need competing physician certification boards:

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20171121.748789/full/>

Renewal reminders are going out to all those who are nearing their certification expiration. **If you have not renewed, please visit nbpas.org. Your support is critical to our success.**

For more information or to learn more about the efforts of NBPAS, reach out directly to me at pteirstein@nbpas.org.

Thank you again for an excellent 2017 and wishing you and your family a great new year ahead!

Regards,
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