

# The Buzz

eNEWSLETTER

## News You Can Use

The **news message box** on the BCD home page includes important information about new certifications, policy changes from various boards, new features, etc. Those messages can also be accessed from the **scrolling headlines** across the top of the site after login. **Be sure to review the messages often**, but if you missed any recently below is a recap.

- The first group of C-MOC records from the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) arrived in December. These records include an annual reverification date instead of an expiration date. For more information and an overview of MOC display for each of the 24 Member Boards, reference the MOC chart on the Resources page and 14.2 in the FAQs.
- Some BCD profiles with **South Carolina state licenses** may appear to be incomplete. The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is working with the state medical board to resolve the delay in reporting updates.
- Most boards have now sent **recertifications** for certificates that expired on December 31. If you view a profile that lists an expiration date of 12/31/13 which does not include a **NOT CERTIFIED** label, please contact [abms.feedback@elsevier.com](mailto:abms.feedback@elsevier.com) and we will investigate.
- The American Board of Family Medicine (**ABFM**) sent updates to the annual reverification date (2/15/15) for those physicians who are current with MOC. If the physician is not current in MOC, the profile will display **NOT CERTIFIED**.

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### BCD QUICK TIPS

- Refer to the Contact Us page to review a list of departments and when to contact them. The details for each group will help determine who to contact to resolve your issue quickly.
- Is your state of local staff services association planning a meeting this year? [Email](#) us the dates and location. We may be able to send handouts.

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Four boards issued new sub-specialties and sent records for the first group of physicians certified in:

- **Clinical Informatics** from the American Board of Preventative Medicine and the American Board of Pathology
- **Emergency Medical Services** from the American Board of Emergency Medicine
- **Epilepsy** from the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology
- **Pediatric Anesthesiology** from the American Board of Anesthesiology

## Updates from the American Board of Pediatrics



Over the last few months the American Board of Pediatrics (ABPeds) updated several elements for their diplomates. Below is a summary of the changes and how they are displayed on the Board Certified Docs website.

- In December **ABPeds** and ABMS completed a data reconciliation project that included the synchronization of historical certification information for ABPeds diplomates. As a result of this project, the **certification start dates** for some ABPeds diplomates were corrected. The corrected certification start dates now match the certification start dates on the certificates issued to the diplomates. This **does not affect the certification status** of those diplomates since most certification periods now will overlap slightly, rather than being strictly sequential. Ex. A recertification in October of 2002, prior to an expiration date in December of that year, will now reflect a start date of 10/2002 rather than 1/2003.
- The reverification date for C-MOC certifications was updated by one year (2/15/15) for physicians who are current with the MOC requirements and have maintained certification. If the physician is not current in MOC, the profile will display **NOT CERTIFIED**.
- In February ABPeds began reporting Meeting MOC Requirements status for all diplomates. This section is displayed on BCD profiles below the certification date. For example,

### Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

#### **American Board of Pediatrics**

Pediatrics      Yes

- If you have **Alerts** set up, you may have received multiple notices in December, January and/or February for the same Pediatrician(s). This is a result of the various updates to certification start dates, reverification dates and the Meeting MOC Requirements status (submitted at different times). In addition, a notification can also be triggered by a name change or other updates to the record.

## NPI Number—Helpful Alternative



We obtain NPI numbers from the NPPES database and request them from each physician. They are displayed on BCD when available. This unique number can be beneficial to you in order to distinguish between physicians with similar names and specialties. This number is a good option to use when a birth date is not available. You can find the NPI search field on the Quick Search and Advanced Search pages of BCD.

Type 1 NPI number is for individuals and the type displayed on BCD profiles. It is an eight digit number. We do not collect/display Type 2 NPI numbers.

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