

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Advisory Opinions

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Maintaining board certification - December 18, 2015

The American Medical Association asked if a physician must maintain specialty board certification after the physician is determined to be eligible for expedited licensure through the Compact. Motion was made by Commissioner Hansen (SD) and seconded by Commissioner Lawler (ID) to answer the AMA by stating the IMLC currently has no requirement for board certification upon renewal of a license issued through the Compact. Specialty board certification by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) is required to be eligible for initial licensure through the Compact. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote. The AOA requested the same written response be sent to their organization recognizing Osteopathic Continued Certification as only be required at initial licensure through the Compact.

- **See December 18, 2015, minutes of the Interstate Commission.**
- **See IMLCC Rule Chapter Chapter 5, paragraph 5.4 (d)**
 - (d) Holds specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate recognized by the ABMS or the AOA's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. **The specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate does not have to be maintained once a physician is initially determined to be eligible for expedited licensure through the Compact. (Emphasis added)**

Reviewed and Modified: 6/15/2021 by the Rules and Administrative Procedures Committee