

RESOLUTION 73-15

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3 Title: Review Board Recertification and Maintenance of Certification
4 Process
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13 House Action: **APPROVED AS SUBSTITUTED**
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16 Whereas, the 2014 MSMS House of Delegates recommended halting the
17 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process, and
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19 Whereas, the American Board of Internal Medicine and other boards belonging
20 to the American Board of Medical Specialties continue to implement onerous
21 programs on physicians, and
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23 Whereas, the MOC programs are time-consuming, costly, and are not proven
24 to substantially improve patient care, and
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26 Whereas, hospitals and health care plans are increasingly requiring board
27 certifications for membership; therefore be it
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29 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS supports Maintenance of Certification (MOC) only
30 under all of the following circumstances:
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- 32 1. MOC must be voluntary
- 33 2. MOC must not be a condition of licensure, hospital privileges, health plan
34 participation, or any other function unrelated to the specialty board requiring
35 MOC
- 36 3. MOC should not be the monopoly of any single entity. Physicians should be
37 able to access a range of alternatives from different entities.
- 38 4. The status of MOC should be revisited by MSMS if it is identified that the
39 continuous review of physician competency is objectively determined to be a
40 benefit for patients. If that benefit is determined to be present by objective data
41 regarding value and efficacy, then MSMS should support the adoption of an
42 evidence based process that serves only to improve patient care.

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45 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**