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Dear ACP members,

I am writing to inform you of the latest news and information relating to the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. This issue continues to be our number one priority, and ACP leaders have been actively advocating for ABIM to address the concerns expressed

ABIM is re-designing the process to provide additional pathways to meet the requirement and focus more on measurement and improvement activities.

Earlier this week on July 15, ABIM also convened a meeting of the societies representing internal medicine and the internal medicine subspecialties to discuss the MOC program and feedback and concerns that the societies have heard from their constituents. ACP leadership participated in the meeting and reiterated to ABIM leadership our concerns and our additional recommendations for improvement that go above and beyond the bulleted items listed above. Within the next several weeks, the ABIM Board of Directors will be reviewing the input they received at the July 15 meeting, and we are hoping that this will result in further changes to the MOC process.

ACP leadership is encouraged to hear of ABIM's proposed changes to its MOC program. However, we are steadfast in our commitment to working with ABIM toward more substantial and meaningful reform measures to its MOC program, and will continue to explore many options. We will continue to work to achieve the best outcome for our members and their patients that will be true to our stated mission: To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

We will keep you informed about our progress.

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