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Policy:

Ending access to board certification by candidates without Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)-approved three-year residency

Purpose:

To improve professional development of candidates for board certification

To comply with policy of the American Podiatric Medical Association requiring all podiatric certifying boards to establish three years of residency training as the minimum for access to board certification

To comply with requirements of the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB) to establish an end to access to board certification by candidates who have not completed a CPME-approved three-year residency

Statement:

Residency training programs approved by the CPME must be a minimum of three years in length for granting a residency completion certificate. The JCRSB has directed that recognized certifying boards establish a policy that ends access to the certification process by candidates who have not completed a CPME-approved three-year residency.

This policy applies to candidates who completed any of the following CPME-approved training programs: PM&S-24, PSR-24, PSR12/PPMR/POR/RPR, or any combination of such programs.

Candidates **with** Board Qualified status who completed a CPME-approved residency of less than three years may pursue board certification until expiration of Board Qualified status.

Candidates may apply for requalification; however, any requalification may not extend beyond December 31, 2018.

Candidates **without** Board Qualified status who completed a CPME-approved residency of less than three years have until December 31, 2018 to complete the ABFAS board certification process. Beginning January 1, 2019, such candidates are ineligible for ABFAS certification.