

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 107A.14

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Certification

SUBMITTED BY: Muscogee County Medical Society

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

- 1 Whereas, granting private nonprofit organizations the equivalent of monopoly power over Board
- 2 Certification, and thus potentially licensing and medical practice itself, will tend to increase costs, violate
- 3 federal IRS, antitrust and interstate commerce legislation and hamper innovation; and
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- 5 Whereas, board certification, once obtained should not have an expiration date and all time-limited board
- 6 certification should be converted to lifetime status allowing Maintenance of Certification (MOC) to be
- 7 truly voluntary; and
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- 9 Whereas, there is no evidence that physicians who have completed the maintenance of board certification
- 10 provide better care or produce better clinical outcomes; and
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- 12 Whereas, MOC and Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) add an additional burden to the
- 13 continuing medical education required by the state of Georgia; and
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- 15 Whereas, MOC and OCC are inappropriately costly and time consuming and take physicians away from
- 16 the care of their patients; and
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- 18 Whereas, MOC and OCC should not be required for insurance reimbursements or network participation;
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- 21 Whereas, MOC and OCC should not be required for maintenance of licensure; now therefore be it
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- 23 RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) opposes the continuance of the American
- 24 Board of Medical Specialties Maintenance of Certification and the American Osteopathic Association
- 25 Osteopathic Continuous Certification programs.

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MAG Policy

275.992 National Licensure

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MAG strongly opposes any implementation of a national licensure for physicians and rejects the Maintenance of Certification as a requirement to maintain state licensure. (Res. 102A.11)

405.989 Specialty Recertification

HD 10/17/2009

The Medical Association of Georgia supports changes in the American Board of Medical Specialties' rules that allow medical specialty board recertification be voluntary.