



## **HRET HIIN and ABMS Maintenance of Certification Part IV**

### **Frequently Asked Questions – April 10, 2017**

#### **1. Why are we offering this to our hospitals and physicians?**

Through ABMS MOC Part IV credit, physicians can meet the requirements for maintaining their certification while meaningfully participating in quality improvement programs in their organizations.

Participation in ABMS MOC Part IV will reduce duplication of quality improvement efforts; HRET HIIN hospitals currently engage in improvement efforts across 11 hospital-acquired condition topics.

This program will encourage the development of long-lasting improvements, while strengthening physicians' connection to the improvement efforts of their broader organizations.

#### **2. What's MOC credit? Where can I find out more?**

ABMS' website is a great source of information for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process

- <http://www.abms.org/board-certification/>
- [http://www.abms.org/media/114633/abms-moc\\_board-eligibility-overview.pdf](http://www.abms.org/media/114633/abms-moc_board-eligibility-overview.pdf)

#### **3. What is my role as an HRET HIIN State Partner?**

As an HRET HIIN State Partner, we encourage you to share the benefits of this program with your hospitals as broadly as possible.

The HRET team will provide a PDF with specific details for participating in the program that can be shared with your hospitals and physicians.

#### **4. How does a physician at a HRET HIIN hospital sign up?**

HRET will provide an online registration for all physicians interested in participating.

Through this process, the physician will indicate their intent to meaningfully participate in a quality improvement project associated with one of the HIIN topics, submit an attestation form and have a mechanism in which to measure their participation (e.g., submit data).

Credit will be available starting May 15 once the program is fully operational.

Multiple physicians from the same hospital may participate; as long as the project is focused on a HIIN topic and meets ABMS' criteria and the physician attestation is complete. There is no limit to the number of participants.

#### **5. What's the process for attestation?**

HRET and ABMS are finalizing the details for the attestation process, including the form to track activity.



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- Physician participation may take many forms, including physician champion or sponsor, team lead, or project team member.
  - Physicians are expected to participate on the project for at least 6 months and through at least two PDSA (plan-do-study-act) cycles.
- 6. Will those not in the HRET HIIN be able to participate?**
- At this time, only hospitals participating in the HRET HIIN program may participate.
  - AHA is working to expand this program later this year.
- 7. How do we share this news?**
- Share the official press release: <http://www.abmssolutions.com/media/136500/american-hospital-association-to-participate-in-abms-portfolio-program.pdf>
  - Share the blog from Drs. Jay Bhatt (AHA) and David Price (ABMS): <http://blog.aha.org/post/170410-aha-to-join-the-abms-multispecialty-portfolio-program>
  - Like or retweet these tweets (with link to ABMS Press Release):
    - HRET tweet: <https://twitter.com/HRETtweets/status/851484097222508544>
    - ABMS tweet: <https://twitter.com/ABMSCert/status/851487457350647808>
  - Include a brief story in your next newsletter. The HRET HIIN team will provide a sample article.
  - Additional promotional material will be forthcoming.
- 8. Which specialties are participating?**
- The ABMS Specialty Board requirements by specialty are listed here: [http://www.abms.org/media/84747/abms\\_memberboardsrequirementsproject\\_moc\\_part\\_iv.pdf](http://www.abms.org/media/84747/abms_memberboardsrequirementsproject_moc_part_iv.pdf)
- 9. Who do I contact with questions that aren't answered here?**
- For immediate questions, please contact the HRET HIIN team ([hiin@aha.org](mailto:hiin@aha.org)). As we finalize the registration and attestation processes, we will have a dedicated HRET-HIIN email address for all MOC-IV correspondence and additional questions and answers will be added here.