



A. Subject

Pain Management Providers

B. Background

Practitioners who have obtained additional education/certification to practice in the field of pain medicine are able to help members manage and treat pain.

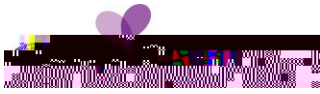
C. Definitions

- **American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)** – An organization of medical specialty boards with shared goals and standards related to the certification of medical specialists, including initial specialty and subspecialty certification, as well as maintenance of certification throughout the physician's career.
- **American Board of Pain Medicine (ABPM)** – An organization that administers a psychometrically-developed and practice-related examination in the field of Pain Medicine to qualified candidates. Physicians who have successfully completed the ABPM credentialing process and examination will be issued certificates as specialists in the field of Pain Medicine and designated as Diplomates of the American Board of Pain Medicine.
- **American Osteopathic Association (AOA)** – An organization of osteopathic specialty boards with shared goals and standards related to the certification of osteopathic specialties. Certification includes primary certification, certification of special or added qualifications and osteopathic continuous certification.
- **Pain Management** – The medical discipline concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of the entire range of painful disorders.

D. Policy

- I. All the following criteria must be met for physicians to achieve successful credentialing as pain management specialists:
 - A. Successful completion of residency in a pertinent residency program, such as
 - neurology
 - neurosurgery
 - physical medicine and rehabilitation
 - anesthesiology
 - B. Board certification in 1 of the above specialties, as recognized by ABMS, AOA, or ABPM.
 - C. Successful completion of fellowship training in pain medicine or anesthesiology certification in pain management.
 - D. Additional board certification in Pain Management by 1 of the following pathways is preferred:
 1. American Board of Anesthesiology, subspecialty in Pain Medicine
 2. American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, subspecialty in Pain Medicine
 3. American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, subspecialty in Pain Medicine
 4. American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology, certification of added qualifications in Pain Management

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