

End The Federal Policy of Imposing Maintenance Of Certification Mandates Upon Physicians Through Medicare Payment Models, Quality Measures, and Future Alternative Payment Systems

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Whereas, the FMA unequivocally supports the right of the physician to practice medicine in the State of Florida;

Whereas, the FMA opposes Maintenance of Certification (MOC) mandates as a condition for state licensure, prerequisite for staff privileges at clinics/hospitals, employment at State of Florida medical facilities, reimbursement by 3rd parties, and issuance of malpractice insurance;

Whereas, the FMA supports the standards set forth by the Florida State Board of Medicine which includes initial board certification, good standing in the medical community, and CME requirements every two years as a standard for physician competency;

Whereas, the FMA is committed to advancing legislation in the State of Florida to insure that MOC mandates will not be imposed on physicians practicing in our state.

Whereas, CMS/Medicare currently requires MOC as a meaningful use measure;

Whereas, CMS/Medicare has proposed new payment models (MACRA/MIPS) which incorporate MOC mandates as a “quality” measure which will force physicians in the State of Florida to participate in these unproven time consuming mandates which may ultimately circumvent the will of the physicians practicing in our state.

Therefore, the FMA supports a change of federal policy to remove MOC mandates from all Medicare payment models, quality measures, and any future alternative payment systems.