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### MEMORANDUM

TO:            Credentialing Administrators

FROM:         American Board of Pathology (ABPath)

SUBJECT:      Change in ABPath Certification Status Reporting

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The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) has implemented the Continuing Certification (CC) Program (formerly Maintenance of Certification (MOC)) and therefore no longer issues certificates with expiration dates. We recognize that some entities may still require a certification expiration date to complete primary-source verification. To assist in this process, we encourage credentialing administrators to utilize an annual re-verification date of **January 31<sup>st</sup>** or thereafter, each year.

An ABPath diplomate's certification status can only change at the beginning of each year, unless certification is revoked for disciplinary reasons. Therefore, by using the annual re-verification date of January 31<sup>st</sup> or thereafter, you will have accurate information about a diplomate's current certification status.

ABPath is developing a primary source, online certification verification program that can be accessed on our website at no cost. Until this program is available, primary source verification of certification status for our diplomates can be requested for a \$35 processing fee for each verification. The Verification of Certification Request Form is accessible on our website ([www.abpath.org](http://www.abpath.org)).