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Dear ACP Member,

As we closely watch the unfolding situation with certification and recertification, ACP governance and staff leaders are working to consider options that would be most helpful to our members and the internal medicine community. We are writing to assure you that ACP is continuously advocating on your behalf and are committed to representing your needs and supporting you.

The American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program has generated much discussion, and recent new actions, within the internal medicine community. ACP has strongly and persistently voiced to ABIM staff and leadership through direct feedback the need for improvements in certification policies and procedures to be more relevant, more valuable, less burdensome, and less costly. We're pressing for the need for fair certification policies, urging credentialing bodies to review physicians holistically, and advocating for recognition of engagement with high quality education during credentialing. We have long advocated that participation in MOC [should not](#) be an absolute prerequisite for state licensure, hospital credentialing, or health plan (insurer) credentialing. ACP successfully advocated with ABIM's leaders to extend certificate deadlines during the global COVID-19 pandemic. ACP leaders served on and [contributed to](#) the commission that informed new standards of transparency for continuing certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties, which oversees specialty boards that include ABIM.

For over 100 years, ACP has helped ensure that internal medicine physicians bring their best to patient care through valuable lifelong learning. We will continue to strongly advocate for a constructive approach for internal medicine physicians to be confident they have the necessary and current professional knowledge and skills to care for patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darilyn Moyer".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Omar Atiq".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen Barrett".

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