WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIALTY RECOGNITION FROM A RECOGNIZED SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR CERTIFYING BOARD

Based on the *Rules* and authority granted to the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (National Commission), the National Commission Board of Commissioners has the authority to withdraw recognition from any recognized specialty sponsoring organization or recognized certifying board that fails to comply with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* and/or established National Commission policies and procedures. Recognized specialty sponsoring organizations and/or certifying boards found to not be in compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition* and/or established National Commission policies and procedures will be notified of their non-compliance.

Withdrawal of recognition is an action taken by the National Commission Board of Commissioners when a recognized specialty sponsoring organization and/or certifying board has been unable to demonstrate compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* and/or established National Commission policies and procedures within the time period specified. A final action to withdraw recognition is communicated to the organization and announced to the communities of interest. If a recognized specialty certifying board is granted the recognition status of “withdraw”, the National Commission will communicate this decision to the recognized specialty sponsoring organization that has a close working relationship with the certifying board. A statement summarizing the reasons for the National Commission’s decision and comments, if any, that the affected organization has made with regard to this decision, is available upon request from the National Commission office. Upon withdrawal of recognition by the National Commission, the organization is no longer recognized by the National Commission. Withdrawal of recognition is considered an adverse action

If a recognized certifying boards recognition is withdrawn, the recognized specialty sponsoring organization will have two (2) years to sponsor the development of another fully functioning certifying board that it has a close working relationship with that can apply for specialty certifying board recognition. If a fully functioning certifying board cannot be established within the two (2) year period, the National Commission Board of Commissioners will withdraw the specialty sponsoring organizations recognition and the specialty will no longer be recognized.

When the National Commission Board of Commissioners has made the determination to withdraw recognition from a recognized organization, the decision is communicated to the recognized specialty sponsoring organization and certifying board and announced to the communities of interest. A statement summarizing the reasons for the Board of Commissioner’s decision and comments, if any, that the affected organization has made with regard the withdrawal of recognition, is available upon request from the National Commission office. If a recognized specialty sponsoring organization and/or recognized certifying board has had its recognition withdrawn, the organization does have the opportunity to formally appeal the decision to withdraw recognition through the National Commission’s policy and procedures on Appeal of Adverse Actions. (See Section on Due Process)

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