



Karen Schatten
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National Board of Physicians and Surgeons
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Dear Ms. Schatten,

This letter is to clarify URAC's position on physician board certifications. As a national accrediting body, URAC provides health care organizations with an independent review of their health service programs against national standards. Some of the URAC standards require physician board certification. URAC will accept a physician board certification – including one established by the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) – as long as it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- The physician board certification is accepted by a state or federal entity of the U.S. or one of its territories, which include, but are not limited to: a state or federal legislature, regulatory agency, department, division, or program, or a state medical board.
- The physician clinical leadership for an organization providing health services has determined that a physician board certification is acceptable.

In either case, URAC would look for documentation supporting that at least one of the criteria is met.

Please let us know if you would like language to post on your website. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions.

Best regards,

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