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W. Kyle Simonton  
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Burger, Mosely & Carson, PLC  
306 Public Square  
Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Re: National Board of Physicians and Surgeons

Dear W. Kyle Simonton and Taylor Chambless:

NCQA has reviewed the request from the National Board of Physicians and Surgeon (NBPAS) to be listed in the 2022 Health Plan Standards and Guidelines as an acceptable source for board certification.

The Standards and Guidelines include language allowing boards in the United States that are not members of the ABMS or AOA (such as NBPAS) if an organization's policies and procedures document the specialty boards it accepts, and if it obtains annual written confirmation that the board performs primary source verification of completion of education and training.

The list of examples in the Standards and Guidelines is not exhaustive. With that in mind, NCQA will include NBPAS in the existing language in the 2022 NCQA Health Plan Accreditation Standards and Guidelines, to read:

Boards in the United States that are not members of the ABMS or AOA (e.g., NBPAS), if the organization documents within its policies and procedures which specialty boards it accepts and obtains annual written confirmation from the board that the board performs primary source verification of completion of education and training.

Please contact me at 202-955-1780 or at [dahill@ncqa.org](mailto:dahill@ncqa.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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