MOC MATTERS

Research shows that physicians who maintain their certification or score high on an assessment are more likely to...

**...AVOID DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Doctors who practice internal medicine and pass a knowledge assessment to maintain board certification within 10 years of their initial certification are more than two times less likely to face state medical board disciplinary actions than those who do not pass the exam.1

**...PERFORM BETTER**

- **46,000↑**
  - **DIABETICS GETTING APPROPRIATE CARE**
- **108,000↑**
  - **WOMEN GOING FOR MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS**
- **16,000↑**
  - **CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE PATIENTS GETTING LDL TESTS**

Maintaining certification at 20 years post-initial certification was associated with 46,000 more diabetics per year who met three important HEDIS guidelines, 108,000 more women per year who went for biennial mammography screening and 16,000 more coronary artery disease patients per year who received annual LDL tests.5

**...ADHERE TO GUIDELINES**

- **17%↑**
  - **INCREASED ODDS OF ADHERENCE**

Being cared for by a physician who scored in the top quartile of their MOC exam was associated with a 17% increased odds of guideline-compliant diabetes care compared to being cared for by a physician who scored in the bottom quartile of the MOC exam.3

**...SCREENING WOMEN APPROPRIATELY FOR BREAST CANCER**

- **59,000↑**
  - **ANNUAL MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING**
- **44,720↑**
  - **BIENNIAL MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS**

Per year, being treated by general internists subject to MOC requirements was associated with 59,000 more annual and 44,720 more biennial mammography screenings.2

**...SAVING HEALTH COSTS**

- **$167 LESS PER PATIENT PER YEAR**
- **$5 BILLION LOWER COST PER YEAR**

Physicians who were required to participate in MOC to maintain their certification save $167 per Medicare patient per year compared to physicians not required to participate.4

Findings suggest MOC reduces U.S. spending on Medicare by by approximately $5 billion per year.7

REFERENCES: