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### **HURRICANE KATRINA UPDATE**

Following the disaster afflicted by Hurricane Katrina, the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) was able to expedite the verification of physician's credentials that were affected by the hurricane. Physicians who were displaced by the hurricane or who had attended training in the affected areas and were seeking licensure in a new state were able to utilize their permanently stored FCVS credentials profile for expedited licensure. FCVS was able to assist over 125 physicians. FCVS continues to encourage all physicians to establish a profile with us to enhance license portability and have their verified credentials in a safe repository for future use.

### **FCVS ADDS SAN PABLO FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM TO CLOSED RESIDENCY RECORDS**

The Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) now houses the resident records of the closed San Pablo Family Medicine Residency Program (ACGME # 1204221448)

The agreement between San Pablo Family Medicine Residency Program and FCVS provides a secure, lifetime and central repository for the records of all residents that attended the program. These records remain unchanged from the original records and are maintained by FCVS. FCVS acts as an agent of

the closed program and complies with state licensure, JCACHO, NCQA and URAC standards for primary source verification.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.fsmb.org/fcvs.html](http://www.fsmb.org/fcvs.html)

#### **FSMB LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE**

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has launched its new website. The address remains the same [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org). The new website offers information for physicians, physician assistants, state medical board members, medical education and postgraduate institutions. The website also offers information about closed residency program records and state specific licensure requirements.

#### **WEB- BASED SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION**

In an effort to serve our applicants more efficiently, FCVS will debut the web based subsequent application this spring. After authentication of the physician, information previously reported to FCVS will pre-populate the web-based application, allowing the physician to update new information to his or her credentials profile. The physician can then submit the application on-line and make a payment via a major credit card.

#### **SEARCH FOR PHYSICIAN'S CREDENTIALS**

FCVS now has over 59,000 physician credentials verified. In 2005 we credentialed 16, 866 new physicians. FCVS sent more than 750 physician profiles to entities that were not medical boards. FCVS offers a search engine on its website enabling medical boards and other entities to inquire if a physician has a completed profile with FCVS. A search can be done by entering a physician's demographic information.

#### **NEW MEDICAL BOARDS ACCEPTING AND REQUIRING FCVS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFILES**

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline now accepts the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) for physician assistants applying for licensure. The Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners now requires FCVS for all physician assistant applicants. Twenty-two medical boards accept FCVS credentials for physician assistants.

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