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The Federation Credentials Verification Service-bulletin is published twice a year in September and March to provide state medical boards, educators in medicine and other interested individuals with an update of FCVS activities and issues.

Ohio Medical Board Goes Live with Common License Application Form

On Dec. 14, the State Medical Board of Ohio went live with the Common License Application Form (CLA-F). The CLA-F is the first phase of the Trusted Agent pilot program, a joint effort by the Federation of State Medical Boards and National Board of Medical Examiners. It is designed to facilitate license portability, increase convenience and reduce redundancies within the licensing process. The CLA-F also allows for the collection of uniform information and adds convenience for physicians applying to multiple states for licensure.

The Trusted Agent pilot program is exploring the possibility of building a web-based system that will allow physicians to complete state licensing application and obtain confidential credentialing data from primary sources in a secure environment.

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure and the New Hampshire Board of Medicine also incorporated the CLA-F into their state licensing process and are anticipated to have the online form available soon.

Electronic Verification Forms to Medical Schools and Training Programs

The Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) began sending verification forms to U.S. medical schools and training institutions by e-mail, Oct. 6, 2006. FCVS received great feedback from several institutions and their physician graduates when the fill-able forms eased the response process and timeliness.

FCVS e-mails the verification forms along with the release form signed by the physician. The institution can then complete the form on their computer, have the director electronically sign the verification form and e-mail the form back to FCVS. The form is considered Electronically Seal Verified once FCVS verifies the e-mail address is that of the designated official authorized to complete the verification forms.

FCVS - ECFMG Collaboration Will Expedite IMG Medical School Verifications for Licensure

Since the 2004 collaboration between the FCVS and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), more than 18,000 international medical graduates' (IMG's) verification of graduation, transcripts and copies of school diplomas have been verified by the ECFMG and FCVS. The FCVS and ECFMG entered a joint agreement to reduce the redundancy in obtaining medical school credentials for IMGs.

“What this means is that when ECFMG receives a request from FCVS to verify the diploma and transcript for any of these 18,000-plus IMGs, ECFMG is able to return the verification to FCVS immediately since we already have the verification on file,” said Bill Kelly, director of Credentialing and Record Services for ECFMG. “We don’t have to send it to the medical schools again for verification.”

The agreement involved ECFMG modifying their verification process to meet both ECFMG and FCVS requirements. FCVS is now requesting verification for all IMG applicants through ECFMG. Those physicians who have already had their medical school credentials verified using the new process will not have to wait for their medical school to send new verification.

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