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

### **Wyoming Medical Board Moves to Require FCVS for Applicants**

Effective Oct. 1, 2009, the Wyoming Board of Medicine began requiring all applicants for medical licensure to use the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). Previously, the board required FCVS only for international medical graduates. Nearly all state medical boards accept applications using FCVS for credentials verification and 14 boards require applicants to use the service. To view a chart on state FCVS participation, please visit [www.fsmb.org/fcvs\\_physboards.html](http://www.fsmb.org/fcvs_physboards.html).

### **Michigan Medical Board Accepts FCVS for Physician Assistants**

Effective Nov. 1, 2009, the Michigan Board of Medicine began accepting licensure applications from physician assistants using the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) to obtain and report their “core” medical credentials. A total of 33 state medical boards accept FCVS for physician assistant applicants. A chart of states accepting FCVS for physician assistants is available at [www.fsmb.org/fcvs\\_paboards.html](http://www.fsmb.org/fcvs_paboards.html).

### **FCVS Adds Records from Closed Residency Program**

The Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) recently incorporated into its existing data the resident records from the closed Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center, Family Practice Residency program. A total of 52 closed programs have sent their records to FCVS, which offers to permanently store the records of all ACGME-approved residency programs that have closed. For more information, please go to [www.fsmb.org/fcvs\\_closedprograms.html](http://www.fsmb.org/fcvs_closedprograms.html)

### **NCQA Recognizes FCVS Closed Residency Programs**

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has formally recognized the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) as a recognized source for primary source verification of residency for closed programs. A non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality, the NCQA evaluates, accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. FCVS’s closed records program is also recognized by the Joint Commission and URAC. Our next edition of this newsletter will feature a brand new look and feel -- please let us know what you think when you receive it. Your suggestions and input are welcome.