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Federation of State Medical Boards, American Board of Medical Specialties to Share Specialty Data

*Agreement allows FSMB to serve as Display Agent for
ABMS medical specialty board data*

Eules, Texas (Dec. 9, 2014) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced that it has modified an existing agreement with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to enable FSMB to share an increased level of detail of specialty board certification data with state medical boards and credentialing organizations.

The agreement authorizes the FSMB Physician Data Center to serve as an ABMS® Display Agent. Information available from FSMB has been expanded to include physicians' certifying specialty board, Maintenance of Certification status and recertification dates.

"This agreement will enhance public protection by providing state medical boards, hospitals and organizations responsible for credentialing physicians with the opportunity to gather expanded data from a single source," said FSMB Chief Information Officer Michael Dugan, MBA.

"The ABMS database is considered Primary Source Verified and includes information on more than 800,000 certified physicians," noted ABMS Chief Information Officer Jennifer Michael. "ABMS is excited to expand its collaboration with FSMB in enhancing credentialing data."

The board specialty certification data expands the capabilities of the FSMB Physician Data Center – a central repository of data from every state medical board in the United States that includes comprehensive licensure, disciplinary and educational information on the nearly 880,000 actively licensed physicians in the United States.

The ABMS specialty board certification data is anticipated to be available from the FSMB Physician Data Center in January 2015. The ABMS oversees the certification of physician specialists in the United States by assisting its 24 member medical specialty boards in

developing and implementing educational and professional standards to evaluate and certify physician specialists.

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About FSMB

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. It assists these state and territorial medical boards as they go about their mandate of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. The FSMB leads by promoting excellence in medical practice, licensure and regulation. For more information, please visit www.fsmb.org or call (817) 868-4000.

About ABMS

For 80 years, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has been a leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. It assists its 24 Member Boards in their efforts to develop and implement educational and professional standards for the evaluation, assessment and certification of physician specialists. ABMS is recognized by the key health care credentialing accreditation entities as a primary equivalent source of Board Certification data for medical specialists. For more information about ABMS, visit www.abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.