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Federation of State Medical Boards Receives Certification from NCQA

*FSMB services include Federation Credentials Verification Service and
Federation Physician Data Center*

Eules, Texas (Dec. 2, 2014) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced that it has recently been certified for a second time by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The FSMB, which received its initial NCQA Certification in 2012, is certified under NCQA’s Credentials Verification Organization Certification Program for the following credentials elements: Education and Training, Ongoing Monitoring of Sanctions, Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions, and Medical Board Sanctions.

CVO Certification includes rigorous on-site evaluations conducted by a team of health care professionals and certified credentialing specialists. A national oversight committee of physicians analyzes the team’s finding and determines certification based on the CVO’s compliance with NCQA standards.

“The FSMB is very pleased to again receive this prestigious certification from the NCQA,” said Humayun Chaudhry, DO, President and CEO of the FSMB. “This certification represents FSMB’s commitment to improving quality by promoting high standards of performance to greater meet the changing health care needs in service to our member boards in their protection of the public.”

“Achieving CVO Certification from NCQA demonstrates that the Federation of State Medical Boards has the systems, process and personnel in place to thoroughly and accurately verify providers' credentials and help health plan clients meet their accreditation goals,” said Margaret E. O’Kane, President of NCQA.

The Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) provides physicians and physician assistants with a lifetime portfolio of primary-source verified credentials. The service is accepted by nearly all state medical boards and has been used by more than 185,000 physicians and physician assistants.

The FSMB Physician Data Center is 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 Physician Data Center offers two services used in performing credentialing functions or pre-employment background checks: the Board Action Data Search and the Disciplinary Alert Service.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's Web site (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

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About the Federation of State Medical Boards

The 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.