



# PORTFOLIO PROGRAM™

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## American Board of Medical Specialties

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### PORTFOLIO PROGRAM PRE-SPONSOR PILOT

Continuing Medical Education (CME) organizations that are not yet prepared or able to become Sponsors in the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program) can explore program participation on a trial basis as part of the Portfolio Program Pre-Sponsor Pilot initiative. Launched in September, 2016, the Pre-Sponsor Pilot allows organizations to experience the benefits that Portfolio Program sponsorship offers their physicians and their organization.

Portfolio Program Pre-Sponsors have 12-month access to Portfolio Program resources to help foster an environment where physician involvement in quality/performance/practice improvement efforts (QI/PI) and MOC is supported. They can help their physicians earn Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) credit for participating in approved efforts that align with organizational priorities such as communication, efficiency, patient safety, and transitions of care.

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#### CME Provider Eligibility and QI/PI Effort Submission Process

In order to participate in the pilot, CME providers:

- Must maintain Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Accreditation with Commendation or Accreditation status
- Cannot be current Portfolio Program Sponsors or current applicants to the Portfolio Program

CME providers can have up to three individual QI/PI efforts approved for MOC Part IV by the Portfolio Program. Each QI/PI effort must:

- Be designated for AMA PRA category I credit™ by the CME office. Commercially-supported activities are not eligible, even those that were initially developed with commercial support but are now no longer funded.
- Include prospective and repetitive data collection process that is reviewed by the physician at least three times, and incorporates baseline data and data collected at the conclusion of the effort.
- Be available for MOC Part IV credit through the ABMS Portfolio Program for six months.

QI/PI efforts and physician completions must be documented using forms provided by the Portfolio Program. The cost of each submission is \$500 which covers initial review and the Physician Completion Notification submissions for that effort.

#### Submissions for MOC Credit

Once approved, physicians can participate in the QI/PI effort(s) and receive MOC Part IV credit. Participation is verified in these ways:

- Physicians submit an attestation to the Pre-Sponsor CME office, using the form provided by the Portfolio Program. Physician attestations must be completed and submitted within six months of the QI effort launch date.
- Pre-sponsor CME offices submit a monthly list of physicians who have completed attestations to the ABMS Portfolio Program. CME offices should keep a copy of the individual physician attestation forms in the event they are audited (which may be conducted by an ABMS Member Board or the ABMS Portfolio Program).

#### Application for Portfolio Program Sponsorship

Pre-Sponsors who later wish to apply to become ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsors will be required to complete all applicable documentation and pay all sponsorship fees. Any or all of their three previously approved QI efforts under the pre-sponsorship pathway may be used as documentation of organizational QI efforts.

To find out more about becoming a Portfolio Program Pre-Sponsor, please contact Teena Nelson, Portfolio Program Manager, at [tnelson@abms.org](mailto:tnelson@abms.org)