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## Qualis Health Joins ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program

*Board Certified Physicians Participating in Quality Improvement Initiatives  
Will Earn Maintenance of Certification Credit*

Seattle – May 7, 2018. Qualis Health, one of the nation's leading population health management organizations, has announced that they have joined the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program). Physicians participating in quality improvement initiatives with Qualis Health who are Board Certified by one of 20 of the 24 ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program may now receive Maintenance of Certification (MOC) *Improvement in Medical Practice* (Part IV) credit for their engagement in quality improvement work at their practice or clinic.

“Becoming a Portfolio Program Sponsor allows us to better meet the needs of the physicians with whom we work,” said Jeff Hummel, MD, MPH, Qualis Health’s Medical Director for Healthcare Informatics. “Physician engagement is imperative to improving quality. Our participation in this program enables us make the approval process simpler for physicians so they can focus on quality improvement work.”

Hummel oversees a quality improvement initiative with primary care clinics to systematically screen for depression in diabetes patients. The initiative is an important component of Qualis Health’s commitment to improve the health of patients with chronic conditions.

“We are pleased to have Qualis Health join our Portfolio Program and believe their physicians and patients alike will experience tangible benefit from their participation in the program,” stated ABMS President and Chief Executive Officer Richard E. Hawkins, MD. “Qualis Health’s participation is an excellent example of how Board Certified physicians can obtain MOC credit for engaging in organizational improvement efforts important to their patients and their community.”

“We are thrilled to be working with ABMS and its Portfolio Program to provide an extra incentive for physicians to participate in our projects,” added Hummel. “Offering MOC-eligible credits for this work is a win-win for physicians and patients.”

David W. Price, MD, FAAFP, FACEHP, Executive Director of the Portfolio Program, noted, “Working with organizations like Qualis Health illustrates how the ABMS Boards Community, in partnership with a wide range of health care organizations, can impact patient safety and practice improvement. The activities developed by Qualis Health meet the high standards of the Portfolio Program and lend themselves to helping make significant, practical and sustained improvements to patient care.”

To learn more about how your organization can participate in the Qualis Health program, contact Jeff Hummel at [jeffh@qualishealth.org](mailto:jeffh@qualishealth.org). For more information about participation in the Portfolio Program, visit the program website at [mocportfolioprogram.org](http://mocportfolioprogram.org).

### **About Qualis Health**

Qualis Health is one of the nation’s leading population health management organizations, and a leader in improving care delivery and patient outcomes, working with clients throughout the public and private sector to advance the quality, efficiency and value of healthcare for millions of people every day. We deliver solutions to ensure that our partners transform the care they provide, with a focus on process improvement, care management and effective use of health information technology.

In April 2018, Qualis Health and HealthInsight announced a formal merger, combining the two organizations and operations across the U.S. Both Qualis Health and HealthInsight have been engaged in healthcare quality consulting and providing quality improvement services for more than 40 years. For more information, visit [www.QualisHealth.org](http://www.QualisHealth.org).

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### **About ABMS**

Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) continues to be the leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. ABMS establishes the standards its 24 Member Boards use to develop and implement educational and professional evaluation, assessment, and certification of physician specialists. More than 880,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the approved 39 specialties and 86 subspecialties offered by the [ABMS Member Boards](#). For more information about ABMS, visit [abms.org](http://abms.org) or call (312) 436-2600.