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NEW JERSEY'S BOARD POSITION ON JBCBT BOARD CERTIFICATION/MOC

The New Jersey Board of Directors approved a motion to accept the current proposal of the JBCPT to form the ABO; and further to allow their delegation to consider any final resolution or proposal at the AOA House of Delegates and to vote accordingly to continue to advance the profession of optometry.

A copy of the New Jersey Resolution is attached for your information.

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Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 12:35 PM

To: 'State Executive Directors'

Subject: NJSOP's Board position on Board Certification/MOC

Attached for your information is the position the NJSOP Board of Directors has taken regarding the proposal by the JBCPT on Board Certification/MOC and the creation of the American Board of Optometry. NJSOP provided the membership with the opportunity to express their ideas and opinions to our leadership through a variety of venues, including visits at local society meetings, a statewide presentation, a polling of the membership on the direction of Optometry, and a robust give and take through our Listserve. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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NJSOP Resolution on the proposal by the JBCPT for Optometric Board Certification

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians (NJSOP) represents nearly seven hundred optometrists in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NJSOP is dedicated to advancing the profession of optometry and serving optometrists in meeting the eye care needs of the public and NJSOP is focused on improving the quality and availability of vision care, fulfilling this objective by providing reliable and current information regarding eye care and health care policies; and

WHEREAS, one of NJSOP's most important responsibilities is to educate the public to enhance and ensure competent, quality patient care along with promoting the importance of comprehensive eye exams; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of NJSOP considers the change in landscape of healthcare in the United States today, including Value Driven Healthcare, PQRI, E-prescribing, Pay for Performance and other models that are evaluating the performance of physicians and healthcare professionals as well as critiquing their competence; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Board Certification Project Team (JBCPT) has presented a proposal and model to form the American Board of Optometry (ABO); and

WHEREAS, the JBCPT has presented a model of inclusion for all Optometrists to become board eligible immediately, mechanisms for obtaining board certification and a model for maintenance of certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NJSOP polled its membership and the membership responded that they are concerned with fee parity among medical professions; non-discriminatory inclusion on insurance panels, and to be universally accepted by other health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, that on June 3, 2009, the Board of Directors of NJSOP discussed this issue at length and recognized the JBCPT for their hard work and due diligence by listening to the AOA membership and by making changes to their model;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of NJSOP approved a motion to accept the current proposal of the JBCPT to form the ABO, the model for board certification and the model for maintenance of certification; and

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of NJSOP approved a motion to allow the New Jersey delegation to consider any final resolution or proposal at the AOA's House of Delegates at Optometry's Meeting and to vote accordingly to continue to advance the profession of Optometry.

Sincerely,

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