

Preceptor Attestation & Grandfathering

A State's Perspective

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Attestation - Board Certification

- Support removal of the attestation requirement if:
- Regulator periodically reviews the board's certification processes (paper review)

Attestation - Alternate Path

- Retain attestation requirement
- Allow residency program directors to provide the attestation
- Require residency program directors to describe the process used to arrive at a consensus of the involved preceptors

Extension of Grandfathering

- Support an extension for all board certified individuals
- Accommodate those who were inadvertently affected by the current rule
- Benefit - reduce shortage of AMPs

Alternatives

- National Radiation Safety Examinations
- Perhaps 3 different Exams for AU's
(diagnostic, unsealed therapy, sealed therapy)
- One exam each for AMP's and RSO's
- Combo exams would be available

Alternatives - Advantages

- No specified hour requirements
- Very little documentation required
- Minimize Preceptoring (examples)
 - 3 supervised cases in each area for therapies for AU's
 - Statement of training with the HDR system for AMP's

Alternatives - Disadvantages

- Would take time to develop a valid question pool, proctors, testing sites and delivery/grading /results system