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| **New York and Ohio PhysiciansPass Resolutions Opposing MOC & MOL**[CLICK HERE to read online and comment](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=a096a1df90&e=d37e9a44a9)New York State is the latest state to oppose the Federation of State Medical Board’s (FSMB) new maintenance of licensure requirements (MOL) which are planned for implementation in all states.At the 2013 Medical Society State of New York House of Delegates meeting, the following MOC/MOL resolutions were adopted. Maintenance of Licensure (MOL): **RESOLVED, That MSSNY oppose any efforts by the New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, to require the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) maintenance of licensure (MOL) program as a condition of medical licensure.**Maintenance of Certification (MOC): **RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York acknowledges that the certification requirements within the Maintenance of Certification process are costly, time intensive and result in significant disruptions to the availability of physicians for patient care; and be it further** **RESOLVED, That MSSNY acknowledges and affirms the professionalism of individual physicians to self-determine the best means and methods for maintenance of their knowledge and skills; and be it further** **RESOLVED, That MSSNY communicate to the American Medical Association (AMA) and American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) examples of disproportional fees, onerous time requirements and unnecessary fragmentation of commonly recognized specialties; and be it further** **RESOLVED, That MSSNY oppose mandating Maintenance of Certification until such time as evidence-based research demonstrates MOC is linked to improved patient outcomes; and be it further** **RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the AMA House of Delegates for its consideration.**AAPS encourages more physicians to work within their local and State Medical Societies to pass resolutions opposing mandatory maintenance of certification and the new onerous FSMB maintenance of licensure requirements.  Here is a model letter which physicians can copy or modify for use in educating other physicians in your area and in your state about MOC and MOL: <http://www.aapsonline.org/index.php/article/action_alert_stop_moc_mol_in_new_york_state/> Here are model MOC/MOL resolutions which can be used or modified for submission to your county and state medical societies:* [Model Resolution Opposing MOC (Word format)](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=d085287178&e=d37e9a44a9)
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**Ohio Physicians Recently Adopted Yet Another Resolution in Opposition to Mandatory MOC:RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) insists that lack of specialty board certification does not restrict the ability of the physician to practice medicine in Ohio.**Last year, [Ohio Physicians passed a resolution opposing](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=43f774b4c8&e=d37e9a44a9) maintenance of licensure which derailed attempts to impose onerous new MOL requirements on physicians.  AAPS is currently conducting a survey to collect information on total actual costs imposed on physicians as a result of new MOC requirements. **If you currently participate in MOC, please take the time to take the survey:**<http://www.aapsonline.org/costofmoc>. And, please pass this link on to others.  AAPS also [has model legislation](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=57266ee4df&e=d37e9a44a9) for use in your state, to prohibit the medical board from imposing new MOL requirements.  We strongly encourage physicians to talk with your legislators and advocate for the passageof this legislation in your state. **Also, see Dr. Paul Kempen’s latest article:** **"Maintenance of Certification – Important to and to Whom?"**<http://www.jchimp.net/index.php/jchimp/article/view/20326>Other physician-created resources to help you oppose MOC, OCC, & MOL can be found at [http://changeboardrecert.com](http://changeboardrecert.com/) and <http://ip4pi.wordpress.com/>. **AAPS**[is taking action](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=78ea7f11ee&e=d37e9a44a9)**to prevent onerous and unwarranted requirements from being imposed on physicians, but we need your help and support.** **Please note that**[donations to our American Health Legal Foundation](http://aapsonline.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=30a32513ae04f5445c95f3239&id=5bfd8be2ae&e=d37e9a44a9)**(AHLF) are tax-deductible.**  |

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