

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

As professionals dedicated to promoting the well-being of patients, physicians individually and collectively share the obligation to ensure that the care patients receive is safe, effective, patient centered, timely, efficient, and equitable.

While responsibility for quality of care does not rest solely with physicians, their role is essential. Individually and collectively, physicians should actively engage in efforts to improve the quality of health care by keeping current with best care practices and maintaining professional competence, and participating in educational, certification, and quality improvement activities that are well designed and consistent with the core values of the medical profession. Board/Maintenance of Certification (MOC) to promote patient safety and to improve quality of care is one means by which to accomplish this.

The SDSMA believes MOC activities should be relevant to clinical practice and should not be cost prohibitive or present barriers to patient care.

The SDSMA further believes MOC should not be a mandated requirement for licensure, credentialing, recertification, privileging, reimbursement, network participation, employment, nor insurance panel participation.

AUTHORITY

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