

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

**DATE:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**FACILITY:** Broward Health Systemwide

**PROGRAM/PRODUCT LINE:** Two-Year Grace Period – Board Certification Requirements

**REQUEST:** Approve a two-year grace period for all medical staff and advanced practice professionals to obtain or renew board certification that was due from January 2020 through December 2021.

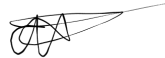
**PURPOSE:** As per the Medical Staff Bylaws, all members are required to obtain board certification within 7 years post training. Due to COVID-19, some members were not able to meet this requirement. Broward Health Medical Staff is requesting a two-year grace period for all medical staff and advanced practice professionals to obtain or renew board certification that was due from January 2020 through December 2021.

**CAPITAL REQUIRED:** There is no dollar amount required or requested.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no financial impact required or requested.

**BUDGET STATUS:** There is no budgetary requirements required or requested.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

**APPROVED:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Goldsmith, EVP, COO, BH  
Alan Goldsmith 03/22/2021 08:38 EDT**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Alan Goldsmith, EVP, COO, BH

**DATE:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approve Two-Year Grace Period – Board Certification Requirements.

### BACKGROUND

As per the Medical Staff Bylaws, all members are required to obtain board certification within 7 years post training. Due to COVID-19, some medical staff members were not able to meet this requirement. Many board review courses were canceled, and medical staff members were hesitant and reluctant to take board examinations at a testing center. Furthermore, some specialty boards require candidates to travel to a designated location to participate in oral board examinations. Due to travel restrictions during COVID-19 pandemic, this was not feasible.

### ACTION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As per the Medical Staff Bylaws, all members are required to obtain board certification within 7 years post training. Due to COVID-19, some members were not able to meet this requirement. Broward Health Medical Staff is requesting a two-year grace period for all medical staff and advanced practice professionals to obtain or renew board certification that was due from January 2020 through December 2021.

### FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT

There is no financial impact required or requested.

### JUSTIFICATION

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many board review courses and testing dates were canceled. Therefore, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) have made specialty provisions to allow flexibility in board certification requirements and processes during COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that members' board certification status is not adversely affected.

Broward Health Medical Staff is requesting the NBHD Board of Commissioners to also make special provisions by providing a two-year grace period for all medical staff and advanced practice professionals to obtain or renew board certification that was due from January 2020 through December 2021. This will allow the NBHD to retain highly skilled physicians on the medical staff to support key service lines in the hospitals and to ensure expeditious access to care for our community.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital**

approve a two-year grace period for all medical and advanced practice professionals to obtain or renew board certification that was due from January 2020 through December 2021.