The American Board of Physician Specialties is one of the nation's leading certifying bodies for both allopathic (MD) and osteopathic (DO) physicians that is currently nationally recognized, endorsed and accepted <u>within the American Medical community</u>. ABPS Diplomates practice in all of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Many of which who are current leaders in the medical community.

Below you will find documentation to factually support our claim that all ABPS affiliated boards of certification are equivalent to those of the ABMS/AOABOS and are considered to part of the Medical Standard.

- Diplomates of ABPS are graduates of some of the nation's most prestigious medical schools and have been accepted in practice at some of the country's top healthcare institutions, some of which include: North Shore-LIJ of NY named the top hospital in the nation by Modern Maturity Magazine; and Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center – both Level 1 Trauma Centers, as well as many VA institutions. In order to ensure acceptance and recognition of ABPS physicians many of those same institutions have also gone as far as writing ABPS into their bylaws.
- ABPS examinations, procedures, and protocols not only meet the highest standards possible, but are clinically, psychometrically, and legally defensible. An objective third party and industry leader (Castle Worldwide) conducted a comprehensive assessment of the ABPS' rigorous standards and found that they were equivalent or better to those set by ABMS/AOA.
- Various state medical boards have also completed their due diligence and retain strict language that accepts and recognizes ABPS as a recognized certifying board that meets the higher standards of certification they require. Some state medical boards that include ABPS acceptance and recognition in their stringent language include but are not limited to Florida, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Utah as well as state hospital associations.
- ABPS Boards of Certification have been reviewed and approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an acceptable certification for reimbursement for qualified physicians, under the G. I. Bill benefits.
- In the November 6, 2012 Federal Register, ABPS' certification was also recently recognized by the Centers of Medicare or Medicaid Services ("CMS") as a physician specialty board that is part of the current national medical standard and included the final regulations on a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regarding the primary care physician incentive.
- In addition, all Diplomates and applicants have been primary source verified by Med Advantage, an accredited Credentials Verification Organization (CVO) by both The Joint Commission and National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). <u>http://www.med-</u> <u>advantage.com/Welcome.aspx</u>