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RE: Additional Questions Regarding Educational Requirements and Testing Parameters – ABC Certified Orthotist and Prosthetist

The following is the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABC) response to your email request for additional information concerning our Orthotist and Prosthetist educational requirements and examination parameters. We have formatted our response to match the questions you sent.

Q2.1 *Are you identifying the year 2006 as the year the current test for certification in O&P was adopted? Does the transition to computer-based testing in and of itself require what is essentially development of a new exam, or does it simply document transfer of exam from paper to electronic media format?*

> Our answer was simply to inform Ohio that 2006 was the year we transitioned from paper to a computer based format. The current examinations for Orthotist and Prosthetist are based on Standard setting exercises completed in 2009 and 2010. Attached are memos from our testing company, Professional Examination Services (PES) outlining those activities.

Q2.2 *Does the 2010 publication/updating of NCOPE foundational documents in O&P represent the adoption of a new or updated testing regimen?*

> ABC is planning on performing a new Practice Analysis for the Orthotist and Prosthetist credentials in the 2013/2014 timeframe. The new NCOPE educational standards, along with the results from the Practice Analysis will inform the new examination content and standard setting.

Q 4.1 *Can you document the date, and provide a satisfactory reference to confirm, when NCCA accredited ABC's credentialing program in Orthotics and Prosthetics?*

The ABC practitioner programs – Certified Orthotist (CO), Certified Prosthetist (CP) and Certified Prosthetist Orthotist (CPO) were reaccredited with NCCA on September 10, 2007. Our accreditation expired on August 31, 2012 and is currently undergoing the review process for reaccreditation for another five years. Documentation can be provided once reaccreditation is approved. See attached letter from NCCA for our current approval status.

Q 4.2 *Can you document the date, and provide a satisfactory reference to confirm, when PES most recently assisted "with statistical analysis, validation activities, individual exam item analysis and standard setting for establishing the passing points" for the O&P Written and Written Simulation exams.?*

Please see the answer to Q2.1 and the attached memos from PES.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Please do not hesitate to contact ABC if you have any further questions that we can assist with.

Regards,

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