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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)
DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS)

SUBJECT: Revised Policy for Nonphysician Health Care Provider Board Certified Pay

Health Affairs' policy on Nonphysician Health Care Provider Board Certified Pay (BCP), dated September 6, 1995, is hereby revised. This revised policy corrects an inequity that excluded two health care professions from eligibility. Therefore, the policy criteria for specialty board qualification (Option 1) are changed to read:

"Board certification pay will be awarded for certification that is above entry level. Entry level is defined as that which is required for entry or retention in the Service. An exception to policy is granted for nonphysician health care provider professions in which the entry level certification is all that is available for that profession. Exceptions will be granted only to those who have obtained an advanced (post baccalaureate) degree in the clinical specialty for which they are board certified."

The following certification boards shall be added to the list of approved boards:

Physician Assistant (Board Certified)

Sponsor/Responsibility: National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants

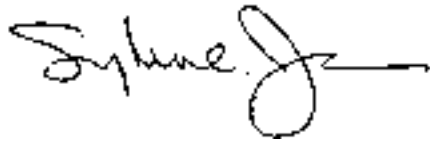
Audiology/Speech Pathology (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Speech-Language Hearing Association

Responsibility: Clinical Certification Board

Boards: Clinical Certification in (1) Audiology, (2) Hearing, or (3) Speech-Language

The earliest effective date of eligibility is October 1, 1996. Health Affairs' point of contact is LCDR Steve Griffiths (703) 681-8910.



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