

**AAP Credentialing, Licensure, and Maintenance of Certification Workgroup  
Conference Call Summary  
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**Conference Call Participants:**

**Workgroup Members**

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**Guests/Observers**

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**Review and revision of Guidelines**

Workgroup members reviewed the guidelines to determine if they seemed appropriate for the Workgroup and to prioritize and discuss types of activities to fulfill the guidelines. It was decided that the guidelines should be reordered and additional wording added regarding identifying barriers to reentry.

1. Obtain knowledge regarding the policies of licensing, certifying, and credentialing bodies and staying current with evolving standards and requirements for physicians from various regulatory agencies.
2. Explore the need for pertinent regulatory agencies to define re-entry policy for their constituents.
3. Identify what types of policies regulatory agencies and boards should have regarding how to best communicate their re-entry requirements to those licensed in their jurisdiction.
4. Identify the challenges of physicians who choose to leave the workforce in the areas of licensure, Board certification, and hospital privileges and identify barriers to reentry that regulatory agencies may impose.
5. Identify strategies to help physicians maintain their professional standing while they are absent from the physician workforce.
6. Identify current programs that assist physicians in regaining their professional credentials.
7. Propose a process for physicians to regain their professional credentials if they lose them and wish to return to clinical practice.

**Key discussion points:**

- The issues for this group tend to fall within to areas: 1) prevention- what can be done so that a physician is able to keep his/her license and certification when leaving clinical medicine 2) what a physicians needs to do if he/she has lost his license/certification and wants to go back into clinical medicine.
- A definition of "various regulatory agencies" is needed.
- It is necessary to identify where there are differences and likenesses in various policies and raise awareness of these potential conflicts within the boards and agencies. Data gathering needs to take place. The Workgroup needs to know what the policies are currently, which policies create barriers, and develop a model for proposing possible changes.
- Many boards and agencies may not have reentry policy—need to ask what are your current polices that would affect someone attempting to reentry? What are the hoops a physician needs to jump through?
- Working part-time was discussed in regards to how many hours is enough to remain current and how the number of hours may vary by specialty.

**Follow up:**

- A list serv will be set up for the Workgroup members.
- Each Workgroup member will be writing 2 scenerios to submit to the workgroup. These scenerios will be used to gather information from regulatory agencies regarding reentry policy procedures.