

## Maintenance of Certification Participation

Internists and/or subspecialists participating in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification program are encouraged to take advantage of the ABIM's Practice Improvement Module (PIM), a web-based self-evaluation tool that guides physicians in applying quality measurement in practice and using results from that measurement to guide actions to improve care.

To encourage and support internists and subspecialists in internal medicine to participate in Maintenance of Certification, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska will defray the cost of the PIM component of the ABIM program by reimbursing the physician for the cost of one completed PIM per year.

If you have completed a PIM after January 1, 2006, you must submit your completion status to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska in order to receive recognition. You can submit this information from ABIM's website electronically by doing the following:

- Go to [www.abim.org/online/](http://www.abim.org/online/) and enter your ABIM candidate number to access your Home Page.
- Click "Optional Reporting to Third Parties" in the "My Maintenance of Certification Program" column.
- Select "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska" and your completed PIM from the drop-down lists.
- Authorize transfer of your PIM completion status to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska.

Upon authorizing ABIM to submit your information to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, you will receive a check for \$100 and a framed certificate in 4-6 weeks.

Completing a PIM will provide 20 Category 1 CME credits and 40 points toward recertification. Additionally, the Diabetes PIM includes an option for using the data collected to apply for NCQA's Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

To review a PIM tutorial, visit <http://www.abim.org/moc/semppbi.shtm>. For a detailed description of the PIM, including the steps involved in the quality improvement cycle and current PIMs available download the following PDF: PIM Fact Sheet. To order a PIM, contact the ABIM at 800-441-2246, ext. 3567 or order online at <http://www.abim.org/online>.

It is anticipated that support for and participation in this program will develop and grow from a common commitment to provide the best healthcare possible for all Nebraskans.