



How to participate in the MOC Portfolio Program: FAQ

Q: What is the Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program?

A: The HealthPartners Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Portfolio Program offers a streamlined process for physicians and physician assistants to renew their specialty board certification. The program meets the standards set by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). To identify if your board is participating, see the current list of [participating ABMS member boards](#).

Q: What are the benefits of the Multi-Specialty Portfolio Approval Program?

A: Through the MOC Portfolio Program, physicians and physician assistants can more easily align the quality improvement work they are already doing at HealthPartners with MOC requirements to receive Part IV credit. The program provides value for physicians and to the entire organization. Physicians participate and fulfill their individual MOC requirements. Successful practices are spread across the organization. And best of all, the quality of patient care is improved in the process.

Q: Who can enroll?

A: Any Park Nicollet or HealthPartners employed or contracted physicians or physician assistants who has a participating board in the Portfolio Program including NCCPA may participate in the HealthPartners program.

Q: How do I know what my requirements for board re-certification are?

A: Each specialty Board has developed its own specific requirements, options for meeting the requirements and timeframes in which they must be met. It is the clinician's responsibility to understand certification requirements, enroll in the MOC program and provide payment of the MOC enrollment fee. There is no additional fee to participate in the HealthPartners MOC Portfolio Program. Visit your Board or NCCPA websites.

Q: How does the Portfolio Program help physicians certified by multiple ABMS Member Boards?

A: Physicians certified by more than one participating ABMS Member Board receive MOC Part IV credit from each of their Boards for participating in one QI effort approved through the Portfolio Program. Some ABMS Member Boards grant full reciprocity to Diplomats who meet all the MOC requirements of another ABMS Member Board.

Q: What if I am already working on a quality effort or just completed one, can I use it for my MOC Part IV requirement?

A: Yes, as long as the quality effort meets all the requirements. QI efforts can be submitted to the Portfolio Program via email during any of the following stages:

- Not yet started
- Started, but not completed
- Completed within the last 12 months

Q: Are there quality efforts that are going on at the organizational level that I can use to satisfy my MOC Part IV requirements?

A: Yes. Please discuss with your Leader or contact the Portfolio Program via PortfolioProgram@HealthPartners.com.

Q: Does completion of my quality effort in the Quality Academy qualify?

A: Yes, QI efforts done as part of the Quality Academy program qualify and is encouraged as it will provide you with the resources and coaching to complete your project. In some cases, additional implementation work may be needed after the course. Contact the Portfolio Program to discuss a completed Quality Academy QI effort or if interested in learning more about the Quality Academy program.

Q: Can I also get PI-CME credit for our work?

A: Yes, your MOC Part IV QI effort can be worth up to 20 PI-CME Category 1 credits™. Your QI effort must be certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit in advance of the activity. No activity can be retroactively approved for CME credit. You must contact the MOC Portfolio Program before starting on your QI effort if you would like CME Category 1 credit™.

Q: How can I participate?

1. Contact the PortfolioProgram@HealthPartners.com with your project idea.
2. You will receive an email within 5 days as to the status of your QI effort. If additional information is needed, the MOC team will assist you in defining required elements to meet MOC Part IV eligibility.
3. Upon completion and submission of all required documentation, the Portfolio Program will review and approve or recommend additions or changes to meet eligibility requirements.
4. Once the QI effort is complete, participants are required to complete & submit the 'Attestation and Reflection' form to the Portfolio Program. In addition, you will need your leader to sign-off on your effort to attest to your participation. Upon receipt of all required documents, the Portfolio program will submit your information to ABMS who will submit to your individual board to be added to your transcript. This process usually takes 4-6 weeks. Most boards will send an email to you that identifies you have met your requirements. If you have questions, log into your board's website to view your transcript or contact your board directly.

Please note if you are due to expire at the end of the year, all documentation must be submitted to the Portfolio Program no later than November 15. If materials are not received in time, it may result in the boards not recognizing your work causing your certification to lapse.

Where can I find QI tools and templates that will help with my QI effort?

A: A comprehensive set of quality improvement tools and templates can be found on facets:

<https://sites.healthpartners.com/pn/qi/slt/facets/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllToolsTemplatesView.aspx>

- Includes simple tools such as standard meeting agendas and documents for defining roles and responsibilities, to more complex tools as Value Stream Mapping and control charts.
- Please contact your local QI Service Line support for help with these tools.

Contact PortfolioProgram@HealthPartners.com with any questions. We're here to assist you with your improvement project!