

American Board of Pediatrics Maintenance of Certification and ImproveCareNow

ImproveCareNow is officially approved by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) as a collaborative QI activity eligible for credit towards Part 4 of Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Initially the ABP gave only 35 points for participation in ImproveCareNow; after lobbying by ImproveCareNow the ABP increased it to the full 40 points required for Part 4. A rule change as of September 1, 2013 now allows up to 60 points for Part 4 for each MOC cycle. However, to receive the full 60 points, going forward you will need to submit an ImproveCareNow Attestation Form for each of 3 years of each 5-year MOC cycle.

For each 5-year MOC cycle, 100 points are required in Parts 2 and 4, with a minimum of 40 points in Part 2 and a minimum of 40 points in Part 4; the remaining 20 points can be in either Part 2 or Part 4.

To receive credit for participation in ImproveCareNow, it is necessary to complete an ImproveCareNow Attestation Form.

Physicians who began participating in ImproveCareNow on or after September 1, 2013

Physicians who began participating in ImproveCareNow on or after September 1, 2013, and who meet the requirements for credit, can receive 25 points for each attestation. An Attestation Form can be submitted annually. A physician who submits 3 attestations will receive 25 points per attestation for a total of 75 credits; 60 of those points can be applied to Part 4 (the remaining 15 points cannot be applied). Thus, by meeting the criteria for continuous meaningful participation in ImproveCareNow and submitting an ImproveCareNow Attestation Form for each of 3 years of each 5-year MOC cycle, a physician can obtain 60 of the 100 points required for Parts 2 and 4.

Physicians who began participating in ImproveCareNow prior to September 1, 2013

Physicians who began participation in ImproveCareNow prior to September 1, 2013, and:

- who have been engaged in meaningful participation in ImproveCareNow for 1 year or longer, and
- who have not already received 40 or more points during their current MOC cycle,

can submit an ImproveCareNow Attestation Form and request 50 points, which can be awarded one time. With each subsequent attestation 25 points will be awarded; in the future you will need to submit an ImproveCareNow Attestation Form for each of 3 years of each 5-year MOC cycle.

Instructions and ImproveCareNow Attestation Forms are available on the ImproveCareNow website and the ICN Exchange:

<http://improvecarenow.org/care-providers/maintenance-certification>
<http://improvecarenowexchange.org/user/308/board/278>

Completed Attestation Forms and your questions should be sent to info@improvecarenow.org.