

Sample Letter to ABPM Primary Boards on Scheduling a 2017 Addiction Medicine exam.

Dear American Board of _____

As a certified physician of the American Board of _____, and a physician who treats patients with addiction, I am pleased that addiction medicine is now recognized as a medical subspecialty by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

With addiction medicine as a recognized medical subspecialty, there is the opportunity to strengthen the physician workforce to treat a disease that affects 1 out of 7 people.

As an ABMS certified physician, I understand that I must sit for and pass an addiction medicine board exam to be recognized as an addiction specialist. **The American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM); however, manages the timing and schedule for future addiction board medicine exams, and it has not yet set a date for the first examination.**

The United States is in the midst of an epidemic of overdose deaths with a 200 percent increase in fatalities involving opioid pain relievers and heroin between 2000 and 2014. Each year over one million ER visits are caused by drug use. It is imperative that we increase the number of well trained and certified addiction medicine specialists now to allow increased access to care for those in need of treatment.

Time is running out, so I urge you to please notify ABPM of the urgency in scheduling an addiction medicine exam in 2017 and announcing the date so that physicians can begin preparing. This critical action will help address our nation's health crisis and assure we have a well-trained and adequate workforce.

Sincerely,

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