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Jeffrey D. Horbar, MD
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Dear Jeffrey,

The American Board of Pediatrics is pleased to approve Vermont Oxford Network (VON) as a Portfolio Sponsor under our *Portfolio Program for Quality Improvement Projects for Maintenance of Certification*. This approval is for the two-year period, April 2010 through April 2012.

As a Portfolio Sponsor in the ABP Portfolio Program, Vermont Oxford Network will evaluate its own QI projects against ABP standards for MOC; projects meeting ABP standards become part of the VON MOC Portfolio. Physicians who participate in VON's portfolio projects and who meet ABP completion requirements will receive credit for the Performance in Practice component of MOC. On an ongoing basis, VON will notify ABP as new projects are added to the portfolio and as physicians meet MOC credit completion requirements. Once a year, VON will submit an Annual Report of Portfolio Results, which the ABP will review to ensure alignment with ABP standards.

VON may publicly disclose that it is an ABP-approved Portfolio Sponsor. Please see our communication guidelines on the following page.

The ABP supports VON's important work and we are pleased to continue collaborating with you to help physicians meet requirements for MOC by improving care for children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Miles".

Paul V. Miles, MD
Senior Vice President
Maintenance of Certification & Quality

Communication Guidelines for ABP Approved Portfolio Sponsors

We encourage Portfolio Sponsors to communicate with all interested stakeholders about their QI efforts and Portfolio Sponsor status. Following are guidelines for communications about your Portfolio Program.

- Contact the Communications Director at ABP regarding opportunities for joint press releases or other communications about your Portfolio Sponsor designation.
- The ABP publishes project profiles about all MOC activities including QI projects at www.abp.org. We will submit the profile for your review before publishing it.
- ABP promotes successful MOC approved QI projects in presentations and through other communication venues. We will obtain your permission before including any of your portfolio projects in ABP communications.
- The Portfolio Program allows the Sponsor Organization to evaluate its own QI projects and physician engagement in those projects and to make a determination as to which projects and physicians meet the ABP's standards for MOC credit. The Portfolio Program does not grant the Sponsor "deemed status".
- In promotion of specific QI projects, the Sponsor Organization shall not state or imply that the ABP has approved or endorsed that project unless ABP has done so in writing.
- The ABP logo cannot be used in any communication or on any materials without consent of ABP.