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2026 Policy Book Updates

The ABA has approved the following updates to the Policy Book as of July 1, 2026:

1.05 STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS

The Credentialing Committee recommended, and the BOD approved updates to Section 1.05 during WI26. A “suspended” status designation has been added to status designations available to diplomates and will be available as a designation beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

The definition of “Suspended” status is as follows:

The doctor is not currently certified due to an action taken by the ABA. The ABA has defined a specific pathway for the individual to regain certification.

Sections throughout the Policy Book have been updated accordingly to account for the addition of a “Suspended” status.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES

Removing the Nov. 15 deadline for submitting medical licensure-in-good-standing for newly certified diplomates. We have removed all instances of the Nov. 15 deadline from the Policy Book. This deadline is no longer in effect, and newly certified anesthesiologists will be marked as “deferred” in our exam system until a medical license is on file.