



APPENDIX G

Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) Requirements

Effective July 1, 2002, each credential awarded by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) is valid for a term of five years, calculated from the end of the calendar month in which the credential was issued. An exact expiration date is placed on each credentialing certificate, clearly indicating the requirement of the individual to maintain the credential.

Maintaining and enhancing the knowledge established during initial credentialing is key to a professional's development and career advancement, as well as a necessary component for effective patient care. If an individual has been credentialed by the NBRC on or after July 1, 2002, he or she must participate in the Credential Maintenance Program to maintain NBRC credentialing. (Note: Credentials awarded prior to July 1, 2002 are not subject to the Credential Maintenance Program.)

There are three options for maintaining NBRC credential(s). An individual must select from the following options to update credentials every five years after the initial credentialing date:

- Complete the quarterly assessment(s) for the credential(s) and, if needed, provide proof of completion of a maximum of 30 required hours of Category I Continuing Education (CE) that is acceptable to the NBRC (according to the assessment).
- Retake and pass the respective examination for the highest credential held that is subject to the Credential Maintenance Program.
- Pass an NBRC credentialing examination that has not been previously completed.