

Special Notice

March 21, 2013

**Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine Adopts USMLE
(United States Medical Licensing Examination) Policy Regarding Maximum Limit
of Six Attempts at a USMLE Step or its Component**

At its meeting on March 21, 2013, the State Board of Medicine adopted the USMLE policy of placing a limit on the total number of times an examinee can take an individual Step or Step Component (i.e., Step 1, Step 2 CK, Step 2 CS or Step 3).

In 2011, the USMLE Composite Committee adopted a policy specific to examinee's access to the Step examination sequence, including placing a limit on the total number of times an examinee can take an individual Step or Step Component. Effective January 1, 2013, examinees became ineligible to take a Step or Step Component if they have **six or more prior attempts** on **that Step or Step Component**, including incomplete attempts.