

Special Notice

September 2, 2020

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

At its meeting on March 21, 2013, the State Board of Medicine adopted the current 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). 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.

At its meeting on September 2, 2020, the State Board of Medicine adopted an updated USMLE policy. **Effective January 1, 2021**, examinees will become ineligible to take a Step or Step Component if they have **four or more prior attempts on that Step or Step Component**, including incomplete attempts.