

Update to American Board of Surgery (ABS) Credit Submission



As of July 1, 2023, diplomates of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) are no longer able to submit their own credit to the ABS. The Hartford HealthCare Continuing Education (HHC CE) team, as the accredited CME provider, will be responsible for submitting any ABS credit (Accredited CME and Self-Assessment) to the ABS on behalf of the diplomate for credits earned through activities accredited by HHC CE.

ABS diplomates were notified in February 2023 of this change. Please see the American Board of Surgery News Release website for more information.

https://www.absurgery.org/default.jsp?news_abscme0223

I am an ABS diplomate, what do I need to do?

Any provider that is an ABS diplomate must ensure their CloudCME profile is updated with: 1) Name that matches their ABS profile 2) accurate DOB 3) correct ABS diplomate ID entered 4) box checked at bottom of profile providing permission for the HHC Continuing Education team to submit credit to the ACCME and the participating certifying boards.

Which credits are submitted?

The HHC CE team is only able to submit credits designated as **ABS CC** (Accredited CME) or **ABS CC SAM** (Self-Assessment) earned through HHC CE on the provider's transcript. Activities that are only designated as **AMA PRA Category 1™** credit are not eligible to be submitted by an accredited CME provider.

What is next?

The HHC CE will review all 2023 activities for those that can be appropriately awarded the ABS CC and ABS CC SAM credits. As credits are updated, transcripts will also be updated.

I have AMA PRA Category 1™ credits prior to 2023 that have not been submitted to ABS as Accredited CME. Can the HHC CE team submit those credits for me?

Unfortunately, the HHC CE team is unable to make any changes to credits for activities prior to 2023. If those credits are not already designated as either ABS CC or ABS CC SAM credit on your HHC CloudCME transcript, the HHC CE team will be unable to submit those credits.

I have attended an activity in 2023 that I think should be eligible for ABS credit. What should I do?

You can email the HHC CE team at ContinuingEd@hhchealth.org with the name of the activity. We will review the activity for credit eligibility.