

Interim Guidance for
Board Certification Pay for Non-Physician Health Care Providers

1. Chapter 4 of OPNAV 7220.17 is amended by replacing the current section 430 with the following:

430. DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certified Pay (NPBCP), a Nurse Corps officer must:

- a. Be a Nurse Corps designated officer in the Navy.
- b. Be a non-physician health care provider having a Navy approved subspecialty code as the primary subspecialty code.
- c. The approved Nurse Corps clinical specialties are:
 - (1) 1972 – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
 - (2) 1973 – Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
 - (3) 1974 – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
 - (4) 1976 – Family Nurse Practitioner
 - (5) 1980 – Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner
 - (6) 1981 – Nurse Midwife
- d. Have a post-baccalaureate degree in their specialty.
- e. Be certified by a professional board listed in Appendix G to Chapter 4 of Enclosure (1) in the same clinical specialty as their post-baccalaureate degree.

Note: Creditable service, for purposes of NPBCP, is defined as all periods of active service after the officer was qualified in the health care provider specialty for which NPBCP is being received.

2. Chapter 5 of OPNAV 7220.17 is amended by replacing the current section 510 with the following:

510. DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certified Pay (NPBCP), a Medical Service Corps officer must:

- a. Be a Medical Service Corps designated officer in the Navy.
- b. Be a non-physician health care provider having a Navy approved subspecialty code as the primary subspecialty code.
- c. The approved Medical Service Corps specialties are:

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- (1) 1862 - Audiology
- (2) 1810/11 - Biochemistry
- (3) 1876 - Dietitian
- (4) 1874 - Occupational Therapy
- (5) 1880 - Optometry
- (6) 1887 - Pharmacy
- (7) 1873 - Physical Therapy
- (8) 1892 - Podiatry
- (9) 1825/28 - Radiation Health

d. Have a post-baccalaureate degree in their specialty.

e. Be certified by a professional board listed in Appendix M to Chapter 5 of Enclosure (1) in the same approved specialty as their post-baccalaureate degree.

Note: Creditable service, for purposes of NPBCP, is defined as all periods of active service after the officer was qualified in the health care provider specialty for which NPBCP is being received.

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4. Appendices to be added to the OPNAV 7220.17

Appendix G of Chapter 4 of Enclosure (1)

LIST OF APPROVED BOARD CERTIFICATIONS
for Navy Nurse Corps

Nurse Anesthetist: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Responsibility: Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists

Board: Nurse Anesthetist

Nurse Practitioners: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Nurses Association

Responsibility: American Nurses Credentialing Center, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners or Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

Boards:

- 1) Family Nurse Practitioner
- 2) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- 3) Psychiatric/Mental Health Practitioner

Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (OB/GYN & GYN): (Board Certified)

Sponsor: National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing Specialties

Responsibility: National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing Specialties

Boards: Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (for OB/GYN and GYN Nurse Practitioners)

Nurse Midwife: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Responsibility: American Midwifery Certification Board

Board: Nurse Midwife

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LIST OF APPROVED BOARD CERTIFICATIONS
for Navy Medical Service Corps

Audiology/Speech Pathology: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Speech-Language Hearing Association

Responsibility: Clinical Certification Board

Boards: Clinical Certification in—

- 1) Audiology
- 2) Hearing
- 3) Speech-Language

Audiology/Speech Pathology:

Sponsor: American Board of Audiology

Responsibility: Clinical Certification Board

Boards:

- 1) Audiology
- 2) Advanced Certification with Specialty Recognition (various)

Biochemistry: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: Commission on Accreditation in Clinical Chemistry

Responsibility: American Board of Clinical Chemistry

Board: Fellow of the Academy of Clinical Biochemistry

Dietitians: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Dietetic Association

Responsibility: Commission on Dietetic Registration

Boards:

- 1) Pediatric Nutrition
- 2) Renal Nutrition
- 3) Metabolic Nutrition
- 4) Sports Dietetics
- 5) Fellow of the American Dietetic Association

Dietitians: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition

Responsibility: The National Board of Nutrition Support Certification

Board: Certified Nutrition Support Dietitian

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Dietitians: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

Responsibility: National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

Board: Certified Diabetes Educators

Dietitians: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: National Commission for Health Education Credentialing

Responsibility: National Commission for Health Education Credentialing

Boards: Certified Health Education Specialists (with Masters, PhD, or Clinical Doctorate in Health Education, Community Health Education, Public Health Education, School Health Education)

Dietitians: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American College of Sports Medicine

Responsibility: American College of Sports Medicine

Boards:

- 1) Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist (with Masters, PhD, or Clinical Doctorate in Nutrition, exercise Science, Health Promotion)
- 2) Exercise Specialist Physiologist (with Masters, PhD, or Clinical Doctorate in Nutrition, Exercise Science, Health Promotion)

Occupational Therapy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Responsibility: AOTA Board for Advanced and Specialty Certification

Boards:

- 1) Gerontology
- 2) Mental health
- 3) Pediatrics
- 4) Physical Rehabilitation

Occupational Therapy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: Hand Therapy Certification Commission

Responsibility: Hand Therapy Certification Commission

Board: Certified Hand Therapist

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Occupational Therapy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics

Responsibility: Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics

Boards:

- 1) Certified Professional Ergonomist
- 2) Certified Human Factors Professional
- 3) Certified User Experience Professional

Occupational Therapy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists

Responsibility: Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists

Board: Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer

Optometry: (Fellow)

Sponsor: American Academy of Optometry

Responsibility: American Academy of Optometry

Board: Fellow in the American Optometric Association

Pharmacy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Pharmacists Association

Responsibility: Board of Pharmacist Specialties

Boards:

- 1) Ambulatory Care Pharmacy
- 2) Nuclear Pharmacy
- 3) Pharmacotherapy
- 4) Nutrition Support Pharmacy
- 5) Oncology Pharmacy
- 6) Psychiatric Pharmacy

Physical Therapy: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Physical Therapy Association

Responsibility: American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists

Boards:

- 1) Cardiopulmonary
- 2) Clinical Electrophysiology
- 3) Geriatrics
- 4) Neurology
- 5) Orthopedics
- 6) Pediatrics
- 7) Sports

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Podiatry: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Podiatric Medical Association

Responsibility: The Council on Podiatric Medical Education

Boards:

- 1) American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine
- 2) American Board of Podiatric Public Health
- 3) American Board of Podiatric Surgery

Medical Physicists: (Board Certified)

Sponsor: American Board of Radiology

Responsibility: National Certification Board for Medical Physicists

Board: Subspecialties of nuclear medicine physics, diagnostic radiologic physics, and therapeutic radiological physics