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TO: The ABFSE Community
RE: Standard 10 - NBE pass rates
DATE: December, 2021

In October, 2021, the COA discussed use of a norm-based standard for evaluation of NBE pass rates. This discussion was generated by inquiries from NACIQI and CHEA regarding the manner in which the current sixty percent (60%) NBE pass rate was developed.

During the November, 2021 ABFSE Town Hall meeting, COA described the norm-based standard and sought input from those in attendance.

As a result, COA is considering use of a one-year persistence pass rate as a new standard for evaluation of NBE pass rates. However, **no changes to the current standard were recommended** until additional data can be reviewed.

Over the past year, 2020 NBE pass rates were not considered in accreditation decisions due to the disruptions in the delivery of academic programs caused by the pandemic. This policy will continue regarding use of 2021 NBE results.

Three (3) years of NBE pass rates for 1st time takers and the NBE national average will be posted in the ABFSE Directory and must appear on each program's webpage.

COA will continue to review the use of future NBE pass rates.

Additional Town Hall discussion is planned for early 2022.