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Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Your request for an exception to ABIM's Board Eligibility policy was forwarded to me for review. Please allow me to relay that ABIM expresses admiration for your dedication to the profession of Internal Medicine and sympathy for the challenging personal circumstances you have recently experienced.

The ABIM Board Eligibility policy was adopted by ABIM's Board of Directors in July 2012 in keeping with the board eligibility policy requirement established by the American Board of Medical Specialties, of which ABIM is a member. Initial certification in Internal Medicine and its subspecialties is a marker that one is ready for independent practice at the standard of training in the discipline, including medical knowledge current at the time of training. As such, ABIM set a seven-year period of board eligibility that begins when the candidate attains eligibility for ABIM certification—in other words, when the candidate has met all training requirements and, if applicable, underlying certification requirements. After the period of board eligibility has expired, an additional year of accredited training demonstrating competency and readiness for independent practice at the then-current standard of training is required before a candidate may once again apply for the certification examination.

Based upon the information you shared, ABIM will offer you a **one-time-only, one-year extension** to your period of board eligibility so that you can attempt the exam again. Therefore, provided you continue to meet other requirements for registration, you will be permitted to register for the 2025 ABIM Certification Examination in Internal Medicine. This will be your final opportunity to attempt the exam during your period of board eligibility.

I wish you well on your final attempt at the ABIM Initial Certification Examination during your period of board eligibility. Please note that you will need to register for the 2025 examination through the standard process. Registration opened on December 1, 2024, and ABIM adheres strictly to its registration deadlines. If you have any additional questions, please contact ABIM at [REDACTED]

With best regards,

[REDACTED]

Subject: Board Eligibility: ABIM [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

I hope you're well. ABIM physician leadership has completed their review of your request for an extension to your period of Board Eligibility. I'm pleased to share that the outcome was favorable; ABIM will offer you a one-time-only, one-year extension to your period of board eligibility so that you can attempt the exam again in 2025. I've attached your approval letter here.

Please note, you will need to register for the 2025 IM Cert Exam via your [Physician Portal](#). You can find the exam dates [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions and I wish you all the best.

Best regards,

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