



# Annual Payment Option

## WHAT DOES THIS OPTION MEAN FOR ME?

Pediatricians who enroll in Continuing Certification with the ABP may now choose to break up their fee into annual payments or continue to pay the full fee once every five years when they enroll in a new five-year cycle. You choose which certification areas you wish to maintain and only pay for those areas.

## WHY IS THE ANNUAL PAYMENT OPTION BEING OFFERED?

- Some pediatricians have requested an option to pay the fees in installments.
- Many employers provide an annual stipend to help cover professional development expenses.
- Pediatricians who choose the annual payment option may end their certification in the middle of a five-year cycle without having to pay for the remaining years. For example, someone who retires or takes an extended leave (more than one year) would not have to pay for the years in which they do not need to be certified.

## HOW DOES THIS WORK?

- At the time of enrollment, which occurs at the end of each five-year cycle, you will choose either to pay annually or opt to pay the full five-year fee.
- Once the annual payment option is chosen, it is in force for the entire five-year cycle. (There is no two- or three-year option.)
- Each time you enroll into a new five-year cycle, you again can choose either the annual payment option or the full five-year fee.

## WHAT IF I MISS AN ANNUAL PAYMENT?

- Not paying the annual payment by the December deadline ends certification at the end of that calendar year and blocks access to Parts 2, 3, and 4 until the fee is paid.
- Payment of the annual amount at any time before the five-year cycle ends reinstates certification from that point forward and restores access to Parts 2, 3, and 4 for the remainder of that year.
- Pediatricians on the annual plan who pay after the start of a year (late) will immediately regain certification/designation through the end of that year. They will need to pay before the deadline for the next year.

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## WHAT IS THE COST?

	2020 ANNUAL PAYMENT OPTION	2020 FULL PAYMENT OPTION
1 Certification Area	\$280	\$1330
2 Certification Areas	\$392	\$1887
3+ Certification Areas	\$504	\$2444
Regain Additional Certification	Prorated Annual Payment Fee	Prorated Full Payment Fee
Secure Exam Fee	\$265	\$265

Although fees are subject to change, the ABP Board of Directors has not raised fees for the past four years.

## WHAT DO THE FEES COVER?

- The costs of developing, providing, and administering activities that promote lifelong learning with self-assessment and quality improvement.
- The cost of developing and providing MOCA-Peds, our new web-based assessment program.
- Access to ABP-developed activities to help you fulfill your requirements. In addition to points, almost all ABP-developed activities also award CME credit for no additional charge.