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Dear AE-C® Certificant,

The National Asthma Education Certification Board (NAECB) has performed an extensive investigation regarding the process for recertifying by Continuing Education Units (CEUs). We are pleased to announce that the Board has approved the option of utilizing CEUs for recertifying, rather than just by examination alone. **The CEU option is now being offered for the first time** to certificants whose credentials have expired or are about to expire.

The Board has determined that 35 continuing education units in asthma-related content will constitute recertification for the AE-C® credential. Please see the official protocol outlined in the recertification document enclosed. While recertification by examination is valid for 7 years, **recertification by continuing education units is valid for 5 years**. The Board has agreed to allow all certificants whose credentials are currently expired to apply for recertification by continuing education units - if they do so by **JULY 31, 2014**. Any certificant whose credentials are currently expired will need to recertify by examination only after that deadline.

The Board has formed an expert panel of certified asthma educators who will evaluate the continuing education courses for validity to ensure that they are pertinent to the Detailed Content Outline (DCO), which can be downloaded from our website, www.NAECB.org. The DCO serves as the matrix for the NAECB examination.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to recertify or retain your AE-C® credential and we wish you luck with the recertification process!

Sincerely,

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