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Subject: Update on the NSBEP Continuing Competence Program September 2015

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Dear Registrant:

The NSBEP Continuing Competence Program came into effect on January 1, 2012 and the first audit for compliance with program requirements was conducted by the Continuing Competence Committee during 2013. The Board conducted a review of the program, including a survey of registrants, in 2014. Given the planned changes to the program, the Board decided not to pursue the audits for the years 2013 and 2014.

The following changes to the Continuing Competence Program came into effect on January 1, 2015:

- The Continuing Competence Program Form 1 (Self-Assessment and Learning Objectives) is now optional. Registrants may continue to use this form to help guide their plans for the year, but psychologists will no longer be required to submit Form 1 as part of the audit process. Additionally, psychologists will no longer be required to have another psychologist review and sign their Self-Assessment and Learning Objectives (Form 1).
- Registrants are encouraged to begin Form 2 early in the year. Registrants are asked to identify broad learning objectives for the Core Competencies for the coming year. Form 2 can then be used to list Continuing Competence Activities and claim credits, as these occur during the year. The revised Form 2 is available from the [Continuing Competence section of the NSBEP website](#).
- The Board has decided to retain the existing Continuing Competence Activities and Credit Values for 2015. Registrants, however, are invited to submit suggestions for additional Continuing Competence Activities for the Board to consider for 2016.

An audit of psychologists for compliance with the program requirements in 2015 will occur in early 2016. This audit will be conducted by members of the Board, rather than by a separate Continuing Competence Committee.

Ten percent of psychologists on the Register of Psychologist will be randomly selected to participate in the audit. Those selected for the audit will be notified by both email and by

registered mail. If you are selected for an audit, you will be required to submit your Continuing Competence Program records within 20 working days of receiving the request.

You simply need to submit your completed Form 2, accompanied by the required documentation for the Activities that you are claiming credit (please see the example submission of Form 2 plus a description of documentation requirements via the Continuing Competence section of the NSBEP website).

Sincerely,

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