

# What You Should Know About the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP)



Maintaining credentials through the CMP is necessary to ensure continued competence as respiratory care methodologies and technologies change over time. Through continuing education or examination, participation in the CMP demonstrates your ongoing commitment to excellence and patient safety as a credentialed practitioner.

All credentials currently issued are awarded for a five year term. You may choose one of three options to maintain your credential.

## Option 03

### RETAKE AND PASS THE SAME CREDENTIALING EXAM

When you retake and pass the exam you originally passed to earn your credential, you extend the life of that credential. Additionally, all held credentials will renew for five years.

## Option 02

### EARN ANOTHER NBRC CREDENTIAL

Taking and passing an NBRC credentialing exam not previously completed will extend the life of your current credential. Additionally, all held credentials will renew for five years.

## Option 01

### COMPLETE QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS & DOCUMENT UP TO 30 CE'S

Participation in quarterly assessments gives you the opportunity to reduce the number of CE's required to maintain your credential.

## UNDERSTANDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF LETTING YOUR CREDENTIAL EXPIRE:

- You may no longer use the credential due to federal trademark (i.e., signing a patient chart or medical document, applying for a state license as an individual holding a credential, or seeking employment as a credentialed respiratory care practitioner are prohibited)
- You may be putting your state issued license at risk as many states require you to maintain an active NBRC credential
- You may face NBRC disciplinary action if you use your expired credential designation for any purpose