Upcoming Changes to the NBME Self-Assessment Services

Beginning July 10, 2017, the NBME will provide examinees with the correct answers for questions they have answered incorrectly as part of the expanded feedback for the NBME Self-Assessment Services. This enhancement will be available for the following:

- Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA)
- Comprehensive Clinical Science Self-Assessment (CCSSA)
- Comprehensive Clinical Medicine Self-Assessment (CCMSA)

Currently, both standard and expanded feedback are offered for the self-assessments listed above. However, with the rollout of the correct-answer feature, standard feedback will no longer be available after July 10, 2017. Expanded feedback will be the only option available for CBSSA, CCSSA, and CCMSA. This feedback will include:

- An individual performance profile with diagnostic feedback that highlights areas of strength and weakness;
- A score interpretation guide with a conversion table that translates an assessment score to an approximated total score on the USMLE score scale;
- The number of items answered incorrectly by content category; and,
- The ability to review the text of items answered incorrectly with their correct answers. Explanations for the correct answers will not be included.

The price of the self-assessments will remain the same. Additionally, longitudinal feedback will still be provided at no cost when multiple assessments are completed by examinees.

Please be advised that starting June 1, 2017, institutions will no longer be able to order vouchers for standard feedback self-assessments through the NBME store on the NBME Services Portal.

The correct-answer feature will be available for the Clinical Science Mastery Series and International Foundations of Medicine (IFOM) Clinical Science Self-Assessments in 2018.

Please share this information with examinees, faculty, and other appropriate staff at your school. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact us at support@nbme.org.