

Licensure for medical physicists has been pursued for a number of years, with success in some states and failure in others. Lessons from these cases has been used to strengthen the licensure effort, but they have also demonstrated that licensure may not be an option in some states. In such cases, we still need a methodology to achieve credentialing and practice standards. A comprehensive registration approach may provide that methodology. This talk will discuss features of comprehensive registration, along with positive and negative aspects of the approach. It will be demonstrated that comprehensive registration is a viable alternative that can be used when licensure is not achievable.