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Dear Dr. Rask:

I am writing in reply to your letter of October 30, 1984, addressed to Ms. Debra Milles, Chief of our Branch of Hearings and Review, regarding recognition of Diplomates of your Board.

In adjudicating compensation cases and taking related case action, Diplomate status is taken as an indicator of a level of competency in the applicable medical specialty. This is of particular importance in weighing medical evidence and in selecting a physician to help resolve a conflict of medical evidence in a given case.

We have reviewed the material you submitted, including your constitution and by-laws, the 1984 Convention agenda, your letter to colleagues dated July 7, 1984, and the October 1984 issue of the Journal of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgery.

I am pleased to inform you that this Office recognizes your Board as a bonafide medical specialty Board, and that your Diplomates will be accorded status equivalent to that of ABMS Diplomates in their respective fields. An issuance on this will be released to our district offices in the near future.

Sincerely,


John D. McLellan Jr.
Associate Director for
Federal Employees' Compensation