

# ABQAURP is Now Accepting Applications for the 2026 Advanced Physician Advisor Board Certification (CPHYADV) Exam

*The American Board of Quality Assurance  
and Utilization Review Physicians*

*(ABQAURP) provides Advanced Physician Advisor Board Certification to physicians.*

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certification for Advanced Physician Advisors validates professional expertise in the physician advisor body of knowledge. Identified through a detailed competency analysis, the certification exam tests proficiency in areas such as utilization, clinical documentation integrity, federal and state regulations, coding and billing standards, medical necessity compliance, denials and appeals, length of stay criteria, status determination, and other areas.

The certification exam is designed to independently verify the knowledge, skills, and competencies of advanced

practice physician advisors. Testing not only the basics, but practical application of concepts and skills used in everyday practice. The Advanced Physician Advisor board certification validates the credibility of the physician advisor practicing today.

Natasha Chen, MD, CHCQM-PHYADV, CPHYADV, states, "Taking the Advanced Physician Advisor Exam is a great way to demonstrate knowledge and competency in the physician advisor field. The test covered all the essential topics physician advisors must know. Studying for the exam reinforced familiar concepts while also allowing me to acquire new knowledge. I found the exam to be a worthwhile professional investment."

Based on ABQAURP's 49 years of certification expertise, this psychometrically validated board certification was developed under the guidance of a diverse panel of experienced physician advisor subject matter experts and Certification Management Services (CMS) to ensure a credible certification exam.

With well-defined topics identified through a robust competency analysis, the certification exam

blueprint and exam items were written by a team of physician advisor experts serving in a variety of Physician Advisor roles throughout the country.

Melissa Buchner-Mehling, MD, CHCQM-PHYADV, CPHYADV, FABQAURP, explains, "The Advanced Physician Advisor Board Certification exam through ABQAURP was incredibly thorough. It covered every topic that the most advanced physician advisor could imagine. I am proud to have obtained this board certification as it truly demonstrates an unparalleled understanding of being a hospital Physician Advisor."

The [Advanced Physician Advisor Certification Exam](#) testing window is open. Apply for the exam by March 31, 2026, and save 10% with promo code APA26PR. ABQAURP offers candidates in-person testing at Meazure Learning Test Centers or remote testing at your own location via the MonitorEDU remote proctoring system. Submit your application now to reserve your preferred testing time and location.

Candidates who successfully complete the advanced board certification exam will earn the credential of Certified Advanced Physician Advisor (CPHYADV). Earning this advanced credential leverages Physician Advisors for professional opportunities and allows them to stand out in this competitive job market.

Prepare for the exam with the new [Advanced Physician Advisor Core Body of Knowledge \(APA CBK\)](#) online course. The course is focused on core competencies of the physician advisor role and is recommended in preparation for the exam. The course is also beneficial for nurses, physician associates, and social workers; especially those working in utilization, quality improvement, case management, transitions of care, and QI committees or programs. Register by March 31, 2026, and save 10% with promo code APACBK26PR.

Visit the ABQAURP website at: [www.abqaurp.org/APA](http://www.abqaurp.org/APA) or call (800) 998-6030 with eligibility questions or for more information about the exam.

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