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## Data Commons Launches Physician Data Services

*New information-sharing company offers Verification and Verification+ Services*

**Washington, D.C., July 28, 2014**—Data Commons, LLC, a new company that delivers data about physicians, launched its first services today. Data Commons provides data about physician enrollment, licensure and certification—on-demand and directly from multiple source organizations—all through a single hub. The two new services are:

- **Verification Service**: Supports companies that need to verify whether an individual is a medical student or licensed physician, and can answer questions such as inquiries about a student's enrollment status with a "yes or no."
- **Verification+ (Plus) Service**: Supports the credentialing and/or privileging of physicians, and provides the user with data related to the employment of a specific physician.

To receive data through Data Commons, companies provide details about the data they want, their target audiences, and how they or their users would use the data. Once a company's application is approved, all of its data requests are sent via web services and are fulfilled quickly and accurately. Companies pay based on the data they access.

Data Commons has advanced capabilities in data exchange, returning one or multiple pieces of data from one or multiple sources, in a single query. "Data users no longer need to request information multiple times from different organizations. Data Commons' innovative hub model collects the requested information from the source at the time of the request, ensuring the information is accurate and timely," said Data Commons Board Chair Robert F. Jones, Ph.D. "The model enables data contributors to retain the security, integrity, and custodianship of their contributed data."

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Data Commons retrieves data from the American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics, Association of American Medical Colleges®, Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, and Federation of State Medical Boards. In the coming months, Data Commons will welcome additional data sources.

"We are excited to bring the power of the Data Commons system to users," said Dana Bostrom, Executive Director of Data Commons. "By coordinating the delivery of accurate data about physicians, while preserving privacy and security, we know we are supporting both the needs of healthcare providers and employers."

For more information about Data Commons, please visit [www.MyDataCommons.org](http://www.MyDataCommons.org).

**About Data Commons, LLC**

Data Commons, LLC, is a joint venture of leading organizations in medical education, licensure and certification that streamlines access to data about health professionals. Utilizing a common data hub, the partner organizations make it possible for researchers, analysts, and other data users to acquire information from multiple databases in a single transaction and at lowered cost. Founded in 2012, Data Commons, LLC, partners include the American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics, Association of American Medical Colleges, Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, Federation of State Medical Boards, and National Board of Medical Examiners®. For more information, visit [www.MyDataCommons.org](http://www.MyDataCommons.org).

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