

## **The Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management**

The Board of Governors Examination consists of 10 core knowledge areas. There are 230 questions on the Exam: 200 are scored and 30 are pretest questions. Candidates will have up to six hours to complete the Exam. Each question has four possible answers and a candidate's score is based on the number of scored questions on the Examination. The pretest questions do not affect a candidate's score.

Pretest questions are included in order to evaluate them for possible use as scored questions on future Examinations. The pretest questions are placed throughout the Examination and cannot be identified during the Examination.

Since there is no additional penalty for incorrect answers, it is to your advantage to answer every question, even when uncertain of the correct answer. No credit is given for questions with more than one response.

*Since the intent is to measure competence, not "book learning," Exam questions assess application of knowledge, not just recall of facts.*

### **Exam Updates Reflect Changes**

Considerable change in the healthcare delivery system over the last several years has resulted in a broader ACHE membership base in terms of age, education, employment and career path. The Board of Governors Exam must be fair and equitable to candidates from these diverse backgrounds. It must meet stringent educational testing standards to make sure that it is current and valid. To ensure that the Exam is valid, current and fair, it is revised annually.

The revision process ensures that the credentialing program is fair to candidates from a wide variety of healthcare management settings. A professional Examination service is retained to assist the Examinations Committee with the development of the new Exam. In addition, content experts in each of the 10 knowledge areas are contracted to develop new Exam questions. The result is a carefully structured, fair and valid Examination that addresses the needs of healthcare managers from a variety of backgrounds and settings.