

POLICY CHANGES: PROGRAMS 2020 Main Residency Match

The Match Participation Agreement for Applicants and Programs has been revised for the 2020 Main Residency Match to include the following policy changes for program directors. This information highlights only policies that have changed for the upcoming Match season. Program directors are responsible for reading and complying with the entire Match Participation Agreement, which is binding on all parties.

Section 2.0 – Sponsored Applicants

- **Section 2.2.1.** The term "sponsored applicant" means an applicant who is a student enrolled in a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education ("LCME") **OR** the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) at the time of registration for the Match. If any of an institution's graduate medical education programs participates in the Main Residency Match, all the institution's programs, regardless of Match participation status, must offer positions to sponsored applicants through the Main Residency Match or another national matching plan. (See also 19.14)

Section 4.0 – Communications

- **Section 4.1.** If a Match participant is involved in a waiver or violation investigation, the participant is responsible for conveying any change in email address to the NRMP after the Match has concluded.

In addition to communication electronically, the NRMP shall communicate violations of the Agreement that have been confirmed in a Final Report ("confirmed violation") as provided in Section 8.2. Paper copies of the Report will be distributed by regular mail if an email address is not available.

If the participant unsubscribes from NRMP emails or notices, the NRMP shall have no responsibility for sending NRMP information or providing for its receipt.

- **Section 4.6.** Programs have the right to keep their rank order lists and SOAP preference lists confidential and not to share them with any other individual or entity.

Section 8.0 – Match Violations

- **Section 8.1.** If the NRMP receives sufficient, credible information that a violation of the Agreement has occurred, the NRMP will initiate an investigation in accordance with the Violations Policy. Following completion of its review, a Review Panel shall issue a written Review Panel Report and confirm whether or not the subject applicant or program has violated the Agreement. If the Review Panel has confirmed a violation and the applicant or program accepts the adverse decision, the decision will be considered final and the NRMP will issue a Final Report of the case. If the subject applicant or program, as the case may be, contests the adverse determination through available dispute resolution

procedures described in Section 15.0 below, a Final Report will not be issued until dispute resolution procedures are exhausted or waived. A copy of the Final Report shall be sent to the subject applicant or program and the list of recipients as described below in section 8.2.

- **Section 8.2.2.** When a Final Report of a confirmed violation is issued to the program director electronically, copies also will be issued to:
 - (1) the chief executive officer (or applicable role) of the hospital or university
 - (2) the NRMP institutional official for transmittal to the institution's graduate medical education committee
 - (3) the chair of the institution's graduate medical education committee
 - (4) the ACGME for distribution to the respective Review Committee (RC)
 - (5) the respective specialty program director association
 - (6) the party who originally reported the violation
 - (7) the NRMP Executive Committee
 - (8) any federal or state regulatory agency or private accreditation entity that may have enforcement authority over the matter
 - (9) any parties whom the NRMP has determined are relevant to its investigation

Questions should be directed to Policy at 202-400-2235 or policy@nrmp.org.