

POLICY CHANGES: MEDICAL SCHOOLS 2020 Main Residency Match

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

Section 5.0 – Applicants

- **Section 5.1.** 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. A sponsored applicant's eligibility to participate in the **Main Residency Match** and to enter graduate medical education on July 1 in the year of the Match shall be based on the graduation requirements of the applicant's medical school and shall be verified by the applicant's medical school no later than the Rank Order List Certification Deadline. (See also Sections 2.2.2 and 17.14)

Section 6.0 – Communications

- **Section 6.2.** In addition to communication via electronic transmission, the NRMP shall communicate violations of this 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 6.5.** Between the Rank Order List Certification Deadline and 3:00 p.m. eastern time on Monday of Match Week, schools shall not contact programs on applicants' behalf regarding any position offered in or that would run concurrent with positions offered in the **Main Residency Match**. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. eastern time on Monday of Match Week, communication between and among unmatched applicants, programs with unfilled positions, and schools shall be governed by Section 7.0 of the Agreement.
- **Section 6.8.** Information reported in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) that is false, misleading, incomplete, or not up-to-date is a violation of the Agreement. For example, the omission of information that would reasonably be considered pertinent to a program's decision to rank an applicant, to determine an applicant's ability to satisfy program requirements or standards, or to identify circumstances that may reasonably be expected to affect adversely the applicant's licensure

status, visa status, or ability to start the training program shall be considered a violation of this Agreement. A medical school shall amend or attach an addendum to a student or graduate MSPE if the school has actual knowledge the MSPE, as written, no longer is accurate.

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 medical school has violated the Agreement. If the Review Panel has confirmed a violation and the medical school accepts the adverse decision, the decision will be considered final and the NRMP will issue a Final Report of the case. If the medical school, contests the adverse determination through available dispute resolution procedures described in Section 14.0, 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 medical school and the list of recipients as described in section 8.2.
- **Section 8.2.1.** When a Final Report of a confirmed violation is issued to the medical school electronically, copies also will be issued to:
 - (1) the dean of the school
 - (2) the dean of student affairs of the school
 - (3) the NRMP school official
 - (4) the president of the university of which the medical school is a part
 - (5) the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the relevant state or private licensing or accreditation entities
 - (6) the NRMP Executive Committee
 - (7) the party who originally reported the violation
 - (8) any state regulatory agency with enforcement jurisdiction relevant to the adverse action such as the State Board of Education or State and/or regional accrediting body
 - (9) any private accrediting entities whose enforcement jurisdiction would extend to the adverse action
 - (10) any parties whom the NRMP has determined are relevant to its investigation

A NOTE TO SCHOOLS ABOUT THE MATCH PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR APPLICANTS AND PROGRAMS:

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- **Section 2.2.3** - A U.S. medical school that is not the home school of a partner also enrolled in a U.S. medical school may receive and notify that partner of Match results for the purpose of Match Day ceremonies, provided the applicants and medical schools consent.

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