

NRMP BOARD REVISES MATCH POLICIES

At its May 2009 meeting, the NRMP Board of Directors revised the policies that govern the Matching Program, including the Match Participation Agreements and the Waiver and Violations Policies. The Match Participation Agreements and the Waiver and Violations Policies in their entirety are binding upon individuals who register with the Matching Program; however, certain areas may require specific attention. Included among those are:

- Applicants who obtain positions through the Matching Program are prohibited from discussing, interviewing for, or accepting a concurrent year position with another program before a waiver has been granted by the NRMP.
- The deadline for an applicant to request a waiver based on change of specialty is the January 15 prior to the start of training in the matched program.
- Programs shall use the Applicant Match History in the Match Site to determine the match status of any applicant considered for appointment to the program.
- Applicants must provide complete, timely, and accurate information to programs.
- Programs are prohibited from requiring applicants to reveal ranking preferences or the names or identities of programs to which they have or may apply.

All individuals participating in the Matching Program are strongly encouraged to read the Match Participation Agreement and policies. Once a participant registers for a match and electronically signs the applicable Match Participation Agreement, the Agreement becomes a binding contract. **Failure to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Agreement, whether intentionally or not, may result in an investigation and the imposition of severe penalties. Such penalties include but are not limited to being barred from accepting a position in a match-participating institution (in the case of an applicant) and being barred from participating in future NRMP matches (in the case of a program).**