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NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM[®]

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2024 MATCH PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT UPDATES

MPA FOR APPLICANTS

Section	Title	Proposed Change	New Policy Language
6.3	Completeness, Timeliness, and Accuracy of Information	Removed language regarding NRMP’s role in ensuring complete, timely, and accurate exchange of information.	The NRMP is not responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information exchanged between applicants and programs. Applicants are responsible for <u>ensuring</u> the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of all information provided <u>to programs</u> . This includes:
7.2	Submission of Rank Order Lists	Added language clarifying the conditions for certifying a rank order list.	<p><u>To participate in the Match, applicants</u> must enter and certify their final rank order list in the R3 system before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline. Certification of the rank order list will confirm the applicant’s full participation in the Match and agreement to adhere to the binding commitment of the Match result(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Adhere to the binding commitment to accept an appointment if a match result(s); and</u> 2. <u>Start training in good faith (i.e., with the intent to complete training) on the date specified in the appointment agreement.</u> <p><u>7.2.1 Submitting a Rank Order List</u></p> <p>Applicants may enter their rank order lists in more than one session and may modify their list multiple times before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.</p>
8.3	Withdraw of Applicants by NRMP	Removed language regarding CaRMS applicants and SOAP ineligibility.	c. In those years when the CaRMS schedule overlaps with the NRMP Match schedule, unmatched applicants who are eligible to participate in the CaRMS match will be marked ineligible to participate in SOAP.

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9.1	SOAP Participation	Added new subsection 9.1.1 for applicants who participate in CaRMS and NRMP. In years when Match schedules overlap, CaRMS applicants are SOAP ineligible.	<p>9.1.1 Applicants also participating in the Canadian Resident Matching Service (“CaRMS”)</p> <p><u>In those years when the CaRMS schedule overlaps with the NRMP Match schedule, unmatched applicants who are eligible to participate in the CaRMS match will be marked ineligible to participate in SOAP and will not have access to the <i>List of Unfilled Programs</i>.</u></p>
9.2	SOAP Communication	Added language referencing use of other application services in addition to ERAS during SOAP.	SOAP-eligible applicants must may submit applications or other materials pertaining to the application <u>to Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP either through the Electronic Residency Application Service (“ERAS”) or another application process or service, as required by the program. using the ERAS system.</u>
9.3	SOAP Applications and Process	Made existing language regarding applications more generalized.	2. Access, Prepare and send applications <u>to programs of interest; in the ERAS system;</u>
9.5	SOAP-Ineligible Applicants	Modified language for SOAP-ineligible applicants.	<p>Unmatched applicants who are SOAP-ineligible and who elect to use the ERAS system may apply only to positions in non-Match participating programs when ERAS opens at the designated published time during Match Week.</p> <p>SOAP-ineligible applicants who elect not to use ERAS shall not contact or apply to non- Match participating programs prior to the published time during Match Week.</p>
13.2	NRMP Use of Information	Added language regarding potential transmission of Match data through application technology and service tools offered by NRMP or other providers.	<p>13.2 NRMP Use of Information</p> <p><u>6. Providing technology applications and service tools offered by authorized providers or the NRMP.</u></p> <p>13.2.1 Disclosure and 13.2.2 Ranking and Match Outcome Information</p> <p>The NRMP may anonymize and/or aggregate rank order list and/or Match outcome information and use it for its own research and reporting purposes and contribute such anonymized, aggregated information to national databases or for NRMP- approved research purposes, <u>and technology applications and service tools by the NRMP.</u></p>

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5.2	Match Fees	Added existing policy language found in the Match Participation Agreement (MPA) for Institutions for better alignment of policy.	<p>Match fees are published annually on the NRMP website. Match fees provide programs access to the R3 system, the ability to participate in the Match and SOAP, and access to certain Match-related lists and reports.</p> <p><u>Fees will not be waived for institutions and programs that are activated for Match participation and subsequently withdrawn either by the sponsoring institution, by the program, or by the NRMP.</u></p>
6.3	Completeness, Timeliness, and Accuracy of Information	Added language requiring programs to disclose the application service or process they will require during the recruitment period.	<p>The NRMP is not responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information exchanged between applicants and programs. Programs are responsible for <u>ensuring</u> the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of all information provided <u>to applicants</u>. This includes:</p> <p><u>2. For the Main Residency Match and SOAP, programs must disclose to applicants, at the start of recruitment, the application service or process they will require.</u></p>
7.3	Submission of Rank Order Lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added subsection headings 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 to provide clarity to existing policy. Added language requiring that programs ensure each applicant ranked meets requirements for state licensure prior to the rank order list certification deadline. 	<p><u>7.3.1 Applicant Eligibility for Ranking</u></p> <p>Before certifying the rank order list, programs shouldshall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine each applicant’s eligibility by verifying the applicant’s match status in the Applicant Match History available through the R3 system or by contacting NRMP support; and Confirm the institution’s willingness and/or ability to sponsor the visa type requested or intended by any non-U.S. citizen applicant ranked; and <u>Ensure each ranked applicant meets requirements for licensure, as published by the program state Licensure Board.</u> <p>The NRMP will not create or modify any program’s rank order list.</p> <p><u>7.3.2 Submitting a Rank Order List</u></p> <p>Programs may enter their rank order lists in more than one session and may modify their list multiple times before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.</p>

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Section	Title	Proposed Change	New Policy Language
8.1	SOAP Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added subsection 8.1.1 to provide clarity to existing policy language for programs that elect to participate in SOAP. Added subsection 8.1.2 to provide clarity to existing policy for programs that elect not to participate in SOAP. 	<p><u>8.1.1 Programs Electing to Participate in SOAP</u></p> <p>Programs with the SOAP status designated as “Yes”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Must have unfilled positions remaining after the matching algorithm has been processed; Agree to only consider SOAP-eligible applicants for unfilled positions until the conclusion of SOAP; and Agree to offer unfilled positions only through the R3 system until conclusion of SOAP. <p>At a time published on the NRMP website, eligible unfilled programs may:</p> <p>Review applications from SOAP-eligible applicants <u>received either through the Electronic Residency Application Service (“ERAS”) or the application process or service they required by the program, through ERAS®;</u></p> <p><u>8.1.2 Programs Electing Not to Participate in SOAP</u></p> <p>Match participating programs with the SOAP status designated as “No” cannot solicit or consider applications from or extend offers to any applicants until SOAP concludes.</p>
8.2	SOAP Communication	Removed language specific to the ERAS application service.	<p>Fully and partially unmatched SOAP-eligible applicants must submit applications or other materials pertaining to the application using the ERAS® system.</p>
8.3	SOAP Applications and Process	Made existing language generalizable to multiple application services.	<p>2. Access; Prepare and send applications <u>to their programs of interest; in the ERAS system;</u></p>
14.2	NRMP Use of Match Information	Added language regarding potential transmission of Match data through application technology and service tools offered by NRMP or other providers.	<p>14.2</p> <p><u>6. Providing technology applications and service tools offered by authorized providers or the NRMP.</u></p> <p>14.2.1</p> <p>The NRMP may anonymize and/or aggregate rank order list and/or Match outcome information and use it for its own research and reporting purposes and contribute such anonymized, aggregated information to national databases or for NRMP- approved research purposes, <u>and technology applications and service tools by the NRMP.</u></p>

MPA FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS

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6.2	Applicant Registration	Added language clarifying school official's role to ensure applicants register with the application service used by programs of interest.	<p>The medical school must ensure applicants register with:</p> <p>1. AAMC ERAS® if using the MyERAS® application service. The application service or process required by the program(s) which the applicant intends to apply.</p> <p>a. The NRMP does not require applicants to use the MyERAS application service for the Main Residency Match. Applicants are required to use the MyERAS application for SOAP.</p>
6.7.1	Medical School Comms on Monday Match Week	Broadened language regarding program access to applications during Match Week.	<p>1. Between the Rank Order List Certification Deadline and the opening of ERAS to programs <u>accessing and reviewing SOAP applications for SOAP during Match Week:</u></p> <p>2. Following <u>program access and review of SOAP-applications for SOAP during Match Week:</u> the published opening of ERAS to program by the AAMC:</p>
7.2	Withdraw of Applicants by NRMP	Removed language regarding CaRMS applicants and SOAP ineligibility.	<p>c. In those years when the CaRMS schedule overlaps with the NRMP Match schedule, unmatched applicants who are eligible to participate in the CaRMS match will be marked ineligible to participate in SOAP.</p>
8.2.3	SOAP-Eligible Applicants	Added language clarifying school official's role to ensure applicants' proper use of application services during SOAP.	<p>The medical school should advise partially and fully unmatched applicants who are determined to be SOAP-eligible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To apply to SOAP-participating programs through the AAMC MyERAS ERAS or another application service, as required by the program; <u>application system;</u> To apply only to SOAP-participating programs with unfilled positions at the time designated published time by the AAMC during Match Week;

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8.2.5	SOAP-Ineligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified language for SOAP-ineligible applicants. Added a new #6 to the subsection specific to applicants who participate in CaRMS and NRMP. In years when Match schedules overlap, CaRMS applicants are SOAP ineligible. 	<p>2. Who elect to use the AAMC MyERAS application system May apply only to positions in non-Match participating programs when the system opens at the <u>designated published</u> time during Match Week;</p> <p>3. Who elect not to use the AAMC MyERAS application system Shall not contact or apply to non-Match participating programs before the published time during Match Week;</p> <p>.....</p> <p><u>6. In those years when the CaRMS schedule overlaps with the NRMP Match schedule, unmatched applicants who are eligible to participate in the CaRMS match will be marked ineligible to participate in SOAP and will not have access to the <i>List of Unfilled Programs</i>.</u></p>
8.3	Program Participation	Broadened existing language referencing program use of application services during SOAP.	<p>1. Shall not attempt to contact, or allow representatives and affiliates of the program to contact, SOAP-eligible applicants or the medical school <u>unless and</u> until they receive an application sent by the applicant through the AAMC MyERAS ERAS or an other <u>application process or service, as required by the program system</u>;</p> <p>2. Shall accept applications only from SOAP-eligible applicants only through the AAMC Program Director's WorkStation when it opens at the <u>designated-published</u> time <u>during Match Week</u>;</p>
11.0	Use of Match Information	Added language regarding potential transmission of Match data through application technology and service tools offered by NRMP or other providers.	<p>11.0 Use of Match Information <u>6. Providing technology applications and service tools offered by authorized providers or the NRMP.</u></p> <p>11.1 Ranking and Match Outcome Information and 11.2 Research and Reporting The NRMP may anonymize and/or aggregate rank order list and/or Match outcome information and use it for its own research and reporting purposes and contribute such anonymized, aggregated information to national databases or for NRMP- approved research purposes, <u>and technology applications and service tools by the NRMP.</u></p>

MPA FOR INSTITUTIONS

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5.2	Match Fees	Added clarifying language regarding fee waivers.	Fees will not be waived for institutions and programs that are activated for Match participation and subsequently withdrawn either <u>by the sponsoring institution, by the program</u> , or by the NRMP.
6.3	Completeness, Timeliness, and Accuracy of Information	Added language stipulating that programs must disclose the application service or process they will require during the recruitment period.	<p>The NRMP is not responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information exchanged between applicants and programs. <u>Institutions and</u> programs are responsible for <u>ensuring</u> the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of all information provided <u>to applicants</u>. This includes:</p> <p><u>2. For the Main Residency Match and SOAP, programs must disclose to applicants, at the start of recruitment, the application service or process they will require.</u></p>
7.1	Submission of Rank Order Lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renamed the section heading to “Submission of Rank Order List” for consistency with other MPAs. Added subsection headings 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to provide clarity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added language that institutions ensure that programs prior to the rank order list certification deadline ensure that each applicant meets requirements for state licensure. 	<p><u>7.1.1 Applicant Eligibility for Ranking</u></p> <p>Before certifying the rank order list, programs <u>should</u> shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Determine each applicant’s eligibility by verifying the applicant’s match status in the Applicant Match History available through the R3 system or by contacting NRMP support; and Confirm the institution’s willingness and/or ability to sponsor the visa type requested or intended by any non-U.S. citizen applicant ranked; <u>and</u> <u>Ensure each ranked applicant meets requirements for licensure, as published by the program state Licensure Board.</u> <p>The NRMP will not create or modify any program’s rank order list.</p> <p><u>7.1.2 Submitting a Rank Order List</u></p> <p>Programs may enter their rank order lists in more than one session and may modify their list multiple times before the Rank Order List Certification Deadline.</p>

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