



Policy Corner – August 2025

Medical School and Applicant Match Participation Agreements Available for the 2026 Main Residency Match

The NRMP has posted the Match Participation Agreements (MPAs) for [Medical Schools](#) and [Applicants](#) for the 2026 Main Residency Match. Updates include:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Given the rapid expansion of AI in the transition to residency space, NRMP has incorporated language into the MPAs restricting utilization of any NRMP data as an input to or in connection with any machine learning or artificial intelligence models, algorithms, or other tools without express, written NRMP consent.
- **Data Sharing:** NRMP receives numerous requests from individuals seeking access to Match data, and the MPAs have been updated to make clear that NRMP releases anonymized and aggregated program and applicant information to third-party researchers whose requests for NRMP data comply with NRMP-established data policies and principles.
- **Primary Source Data Acquisition:** NRMP has executed data usage agreements with the NBME and the NBOME to receive primary source licensure exam data for purposes of NRMP research and reporting. Accordingly, the MPA for Applicants has been updated to remove language authorizing medical schools to release, verify, and transmit certain test score data to NRMP.

Please visit NRMP's [Policies](#) page to review the Match Participation Agreements. If you have questions, please reach out to policy@nrmp.org. We look forward to supporting you through the 2026 matching process.