

SUBJECT: PROCESS TO PREVENT AND RESOLVE OUT OF MATCH  
CONTRACTING BY INELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Education / Council on Postdoctoral Training

REFERRED TO: BOT Executive Committee

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1 WHEREAS, the Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT) formed a special task force to  
2 describe the process and consequences for programs that did not apply by their Section  
3 X date but want to accept residents into their program; and

4 WHEREAS, AOA Basic Documents for Postdoctoral Training, Section X, 10.5 Charts A & B  
5 dictates specific deadline dates by which AOA programs must have applied for  
6 ACGME accreditation in order to accept trainees; and

7 WHEREAS, the AOA Match will prevent any matches into programs that have not applied for  
8 ACGME accreditation by the program's Section X deadline; and

9 WHEREAS, the lack of compliance with well published rules for the orderly transition to the  
10 Single Accreditation System (SAS) is a major, blatant, and intentional violation and leads  
11 to significant consequences for trainees and both the AOA and ACGME in future  
12 trainee placement; and

13 WHEREAS, this process places major incentives on OPTIs for monitoring of their member  
14 programs and also training institutions for compliance with AOA policy; and

15 WHEREAS, the COPT approves the resolution drafted by the special task force; now,  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, that in order to prevent ineligible programs from contracting with trainees, the  
18 following process will be put in place:

19 1. Any Out-of-Match or Post-Match issuance of a contract after the Section X deadline  
20 date must be reported to and approved by the program's OPTI Chief Academic Officer  
21 (CAO).

22 a. The OPTI CAO will monitor every one of the OPTI programs' ACGME  
23 application status.

24 b. No contract approval shall be granted by an OPTI CAO without documenting  
25 prior ACGME accreditation application submission and pre-accreditation  
26 status.

1 c. In the event that a program submits an ACGME application and is granted  
2 pre-accreditation status after the January 1st deadline, the OPTI CAO may  
3 approve a contract to be issued only after the AOA Match, NRMP Match and  
4 NRMP Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) have concluded  
5 for that year; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, that the consequences for contracting with a trainee in violation of the Section X  
7 policies are as follows:

8 1. Any program without a waiver from PTRC OR BOT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
9 that contracts with a trainee in violation of the Section X policies shall ~~lose its AOA~~  
10 ~~accreditation the subsequent June 30~~ BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF  
11 ITS AOA ACCREDITATION BY PTRC WITH POSSIBLE SANCTIONS UP TO  
12 AND INCLUDING LOSS OF ACCREDITATION.

13 a. ~~CMS will be notified immediately that the program is no longer accredited for~~  
14 ~~any positions and the AOA will report the number of approved positions de-~~  
15 ~~accredited as of June 30th.~~

16 b. ~~The OPTI is required to transfer all residents from the unaccredited program~~  
17 ~~into another AOA accredited training program.~~

18 a. At the time of discovery, Opportunities will be updated that the program ~~will~~  
19 ~~no longer be accredited~~ ACCREDITATION IS UNDER REVIEW.

20 b. All trainees IN THE PROGRAM will be notified of the program's AOA  
21 accreditation status BY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WITH  
22 DOCUMENTATION OF NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO THE PTRC;

23 2. ~~Other programs at the institution will be immediately placed on probation without the~~  
24 ~~ability to recruit or appeal until June 30, 2020.~~

25 a. ~~All trainees will be notified of the program's AOA accreditation status; and be~~  
26 ~~it further~~

27 RESOLVED, that this process and THESE consequences will be PUBLISHED AND  
28 DISSEMINATED TO ~~sent to~~ all COMs, OPTIs, training institutions, programs,  
29 residents, SPECIALTY COLLEGES and osteopathic medical students.

30 **APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
31 **01/17/17**