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Dear Members of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Community,

For nearly a half-century, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has upheld its mission to ensure high-quality education and training for resident and fellow physicians across the US by implementing and evaluating compliance with peer-review standards. Our commitment to advancing excellence in medical education and training remains steadfast as we adapt to evolving national priorities.

The ACGME is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of care not just for today, but for generations to come.

Recent federal directives, including executive orders and a proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have prohibited accrediting bodies from requiring or otherwise encouraging a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Similar directives apply to programs and hospitals receiving Medicare payments for GME.

In alignment with these federal directives, the ACGME has taken several actions, including retiring DEI-specific accreditation requirements, updating the organization's relevant policies and procedures, and closing the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Updated accreditation requirements are now available on the ACGME website. Revised application materials and FAQs will be posted in mid-September and announced in the ACGME *e-Communication*.

The ACGME continues to recognize that accreditation requirements serve as a foundation, not a limitation. Programs and institutions retain the flexibility to shape the myriad details that distinguish their training and clinical learning environments to best prepare physicians for practice across the US.

The ACGME remains committed to supporting its stakeholders through this transition and to ensuring that the organization's accreditation system reflects both the highest standards of medical education for all residents and fellows serving all patients and the current regulatory landscape.

Email inquiries related to accreditation requirements to accreditation@acgme.org. Email all other questions to ACGMECommunications@acgme.org.

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