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Subject: CPME Guidance on COVID-19 for Residency Education and Residents Graduating in 2022

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The mission of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME or Council) is to promote the quality of graduate education, postgraduate education, certification, and continuing education. By confirming these programs meet established standards and requirements, the Council serves to protect the public, podiatric medical students, and doctors of podiatric medicine.

Recognizing the continued impact COVID-19 is having on residency training programs, including postponed elective surgeries CPME has once again decided to implement temporary modifications of the requirements, based on the current standards and requirements published in CPME publication 320, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies* for residents in the 2022 graduation year.

Effective immediately, CPME has decreased the required MAVs (minimum activity volume) by 10% for all categories. Residents with excess volume in surgical categories 4 (Other Osseous Foot Surgery) and 5 (Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle) may apply the excess volume to categories 1-3 with a limit of up to 7 procedures applied to category 1 (Digital), 5 procedures applied to category 2 (First Ray), and 4 procedures applied to category 3 (Other Soft Tissue Foot Surgery) to supplement categories 1-3 if needed to achieve the reduced MAVs. **The diversity requirements will also be waived for residents completing training in 2022.**

New MAVs for PGY3 residents graduating in June 2022 will be as follows:

<b>Surgical Procedures</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Surgical Cases</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Category 1 – Digital cases</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Category 2 – First ray cases</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Category 3- Other soft tissue cases</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Category 4- Other osseous case</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Category 5- Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle cases</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Trauma</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Comprehensive H&amp;Ps</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Biomechanical Exams</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Podopediatrics</b>	<b>22</b>

As stated in CPME 320, “MAVs are patient care activity requirements that assure that the resident has been exposed to adequate diversity and volume of patient care. MAVs are not minimum repetitions to achieve competence.” It continues to remain incumbent upon the program director and the faculty to assure that the resident has achieved a competency, despite the unexpected disruption in training caused by COVID-19. **The program director is responsible to ensure that the graduating resident possesses the necessary training and competence for practice regardless of the number of experiences or established MAVs.**

Residents **must** meet the reduced MAVs in all categories in order to receive a certificate of completion. Programs that need to extend a resident’s training in order for a resident to attain the reduced MAVs should contact CPME no later than May 31, 2022. All requirements in CPME 320, *Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies*, including all required rotations, must also be met in order for residents to receive a certificate of completion.