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Subject: October 2020 Statement on the Continued Impact of COVID-19 on Residency Training

In September, CPME sent a survey to program directors to assess the continued impact of COVID-19 on residency training programs. After reviewing the results of the survey, the Residency Review Committee determined that it is too early in the training year to make any recommendation related to modifications of requirements related to the minimum activity volume of procedures (MAVs) and required rotations. As such, programs are expected to meet the requirements currently set forth in CPME publication 320, Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies.

CPME recognizes that this is an evolving situation that may change over the next few months. Therefore, the Council plans to conduct another survey in January 2021 to determine the level to which the COVID crisis continues to impact residents' abilities to meet MAV and rotation requirements. The Residency Review Committee will consider the results of this survey to determine if any modifications should be made to the MAVs for residents who will complete training in 2021.

The Committee will make a recommendation to the certifying boards and the Council no later than mid-February, and any modifications will be communicated to program directors and residents once a final decision is made.