EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Resolution S-’13-5
Graduate Medical Education Funding and the Match Process

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WHEREAS, The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) is a private, not-for-profit corporation established in 1952 to provide a uniform date of appointment through an objective and standardized process to positions in graduate medical education (GME) in the United States,

WHEREAS, The creation or alignment of residency positions through special financial relationships and agreements with individuals, corporations, foreign governments or other entities would significantly alter the uniform and standard practice of the Match,

WHEREAS, GME is a core mission for over 1500 teaching hospitals and all of the medical schools in the United States,

WHEREAS, GME funding has become a significant component of the CMS budget and many teaching hospitals have come to rely upon such funding,

WHEREAS, Several residency programs have already begun to explore alternative funding arrangements for positions in response to reduced GME funding,

RESOLVED, that EMRA

1. Continue to support the traditional Match process as it currently exists
2. Oppose the hiring of emergency medicine residents through processes outside of the traditional Match that select or give preference to individuals for Emergency Medicine residency positions based on special financial relationships or agreements between individuals, hospitals, foreign governments, corporations, or other entities
3. Support efforts of sponsoring institutions to secure adequate Graduate Medical Education funding to train emergency medicine residents
4. Forward a similar resolution for consideration at the next American College of Emergency Physicians council meeting.

References

4. ACGME Letter to: American Board of Medical Specialties; American Hospital Association; American Medical Association; Association of American Medical Colleges;
Council of Medical Specialty Societies.
http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/home/ACGME_Statement_on_Medicare_GME_Reimbursement.pdf

Relevant EMRA Policy <<GME Funding?>>

Fiscal Note: No budget impact