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Subject: Note to all pediatric program directors: Competencies Assessment Form

Dear Pediatric Program Directors and Coordinators:

In the spirit of streamlining and simplifying aspects of the accreditation process, core pediatric program directors will no longer be required to complete the Competencies Assessment Form (CAF).

As you know, the competencies were integrated into the new core requirements that went into effect in January and are, in fact, the organizing structure for the requirements. Additionally, the competencies are featured prominently in the new PIF. So, although the CAF was required initially because the PIF contained few, if any, questions dealing with the competencies, this is no longer the case with the new PIF. Requiring the completion of the CAF would be redundant and unnecessary. Effective immediately, core Pediatric Program Directors can discontinue completing it.

The competencies are also featured prominently in the new general requirements that apply to all of the subspecialties in pediatrics that go into effect January 1, 2007. Each of the subspecialty PIFs are being revised/updated to include questions related to the competencies and will be made available shortly. So, although all subspecialty program directors with site visits after January 1 will need to demonstrate that they have implemented the competencies, they will also not be required to complete the CAF.

Sincerely yours,

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