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To: CPRrevision@acgme.org
Subject: Common Program Requirements

Dear Review Committee,

As Chair of the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS), an organization that represents program directors and organizations involved in the education and training of pediatric subspecialty fellows, I am writing to convey our opinion regarding the proposed modifications in the prerequisite training for fellowships (requirement 111.A.2, pages 286-289). As you will see in the attached form, the majority (61%) of program directors (N=256) who responded to a CoPS-initiated survey opposed the modification in the requirements.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide this opinion. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information.

Sincerely,
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Review and Comment Form

The ACGME invites comments from the community of interest regarding the proposed requirements. Comments must be submitted electronically and must reference the requirements by line number and requirement number. **For focused revisions, only the section(s) of the requirements that is being revised is open for review and comment.**

Organizations submitting comments should indicate whether the comments represent a consensus opinion of its membership or whether they are a compilation of individual comments.

Title of Program Requirements	Common Program Requirements
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Select [X] only one

Organization (consensus opinion of membership)	
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	Program Requirement Reference	Comment(s)
1	Line number(s): [286-289] Requirement number: [111.A.2]	Program directors or others involved in the education of pediatric subspecialists were surveyed using an online instrument (SurveyMonkey™). Responses were received from 275 individuals representing 17 different pediatric subspecialties. Of these, 256 (93.1%) were program directors. 61.1% of the respondents opposed the modification in requirements for prerequisite training. Slightly more than half of the respondents indicated that the modification would reduce the number of trainees in their subspecialty (53.6%) or adversely affect the future workforce in their subspecialty (52.7%).
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General Comments:

Based on the survey results, the majority of program directors (>60%) oppose the proposed modifications in the Common Program Requirements for prerequisite training in pediatric fellowships. Approximately 130 individuals provided comments. Those opposed to the modification in prerequisite training indicated that the change would 1) substantially lengthen the training of international medical graduates, 2) inhibit programs from training individuals who would return to their native countries to be leaders in their subspecialties, and 3) would discourage highly-qualified individuals who had completed pediatric training in England, Australia, and other countries from considering advanced training in the United States.