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The Phase 2 Common Program Requirements Task Force completed its preliminary work on Sections I-V. The proposed Requirements, along with an Impact Statement, are now available for review and comment through Tuesday, March 22, 2018. Based on input received during this public comment period, the Task Force will submit the final proposed requirements to the ACGME Board of Directors for approval, with implementation targeted for July 1, 2019.

This is the second and final phase of the Common Program Requirements review process. The ACGME Board of Directors initiated this periodic review and revision of the Common Program Requirements in the fall of 2015. Phase 1 was completed with ACGME Board approval of revisions to Section VI in February 2017; those changes became effective July 1, 2017 for both residency and fellowship programs.

To address inherent differences in specialty and subspecialty training, the Phase 2 Task Force developed two sets of Common Program Requirements – one specific to residency programs, and a separate set for fellowships. The fellowship version applies to all subspecialty programs, regardless of program length, and will replace the separate One-Year Common Program Requirements. Section VI, previously approved, will remain identical for both residency and fellowship programs.

The Task Force encourages all members of the graduate medical education community and other interested parties to review both sets of proposed requirements, and to submit questions, concerns, recommendations, as well as supportive comments as applicable. This feedback is essential in helping the Task Force identify issues that require further consideration and/or clarification as the requirements are finalized.

I would like to personally, and on behalf of the profession, thank the 18 members of the Task Force for volunteering their considerable time, energy, experience, and wisdom. This truly is the selfless work of diverse, dedicated individuals committed to service of the American Public.

Review the requirements and Impact Statement and download the form for comment submission [here](#).