

Anticipated Timeline of ACGME Fellowship Program Accreditation

Please note the dates below are subject to change as ACGME adjusts its own timeline and meeting schedule. Check the AAHPM Web site for updates: www.aahpm.org.

Based on conversations with ACGME, it is expected that the content of the program standards and PIF adopted by ACGME will be very similar in to those promulgated by the Palliative Medicine Review Committee (PMRC). Anticipating approximately one month between formal approval of the program standards and PIF, and the deadline for submission of applications, ABHPM recommends that programs begin preparing by becoming familiar with the content of the PMRC standards v. 10.1 and the content requested on the PMRC PIF (http://www.abhpm.org/gfxc_90.aspx).

Realizing that the approved ACGME standards and PIF may differ from those used by PMRC in the past, programs should begin collecting and organizing information that addresses the major content areas of the program standards. For instance, be assured that programs will need to supply information about rotations, faculty, curriculum, fellows, evaluation processes, and competencies.

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January

The ACGME Hospice and Palliative Medicine Advisory Committee has organizational meeting. The draft Program Requirements were reviewed.

February – March

Draft Program Requirements will be posted for a 45-day comment period. At the end of this period, the advisory committee will meet and recommend a final version.

April – June

ACGME will post an explanation of the application and review process along with a draft of the Program Requirements and Program Information Form (PIF).

Final approval of the Program Requirements and PIF is expected at the ACGME Board of Directors' meeting on June 11-12.

Applications should be able to be submitted immediately after the Board approval. This first review process will be paper only (i.e., no site visit required).

Late Summer/Early Fall

The advisory committee will meet to review applications and make recommendations to the appropriate RRCs, which will make final decisions. It is our understanding that decisions to approve may be retroactive to July 1.