

SUBJECT: MINIMUM NUMBERS FOR OPTION 2 SPECIALTIES

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Education/Council on Postdoctoral Training

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee 4

- 1 WHEREAS, AOA policies require a minimum of 3 residents in each specialty residency
- 2 program, and
- 3 WHEREAS, Option 2 specialties require completion of a preliminary specialty specific
- 4 internship, prior to residency, and
- 5 WHEREAS, residents entering Option 2 specialties are matched into a specific residency first
- 6 and thus committed to the residency track prior to entering the preliminary internship, now
- 7 therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, that for purposes of counting minimum resident numbers, in any Option 2
- 9 specialty, the preliminary internship may count together with the residency to meet the
- 10 minimum.

Explanatory Statement: Since many institutions budget a specific number of positions in each specialty program, and since the preliminary year intern in Option 2 specialties is actually pre-committed to the residency track, counting them together will help to permit those programs to meet AOA minimum numbers and keep them in compliance to prevent program lapse.

ACTION TAKEN _____

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