



American College of  
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To ACVIM Residency Training Program Directors and Resident Advisors -

While the Board of Regents decided earlier this year *not* to approve any further COVID-related variances for the 2021-2022 year, and instead incorporated those they deemed applicable into the current CM, the global circumstances have remained fluid, and the emergence and spread of the Delta variant are proving problematic.

With this in mind, the BOR have re-evaluated their previous stance, and have decided to approve a single variance in favor of the current cohort of ACVIM candidates, allowing additional flexibility to programs over the coming months.

This approved variance is to **Section 4.F.2 (Registration of the Residency Training Program)** of the Certification Manual (CM), where it previously stated “The requirements specified in the RTP description become the official requirements for completion, even if those requirements exceed the minimum requirements stipulated in this Certification Manual. Neither a candidate nor a PD may retroactively petition for successful completion of a residency, even if the resident has met the minimum requirements of this Certification Manual, if the candidate left the program before completing all requirements of the program as previously approved.”

The approved variance states; “Variations to an individual candidate’s residency training program (RTP), as initially approved by the relevant Residency Training Committee (RTC), will be allowable, providing the candidate’s training still meets the minimum RTP requirements as delineated in the ACVIM’s Certification Manual (CM). A request for approval of the variance must be submitted to the relevant Residency Training Committee (RTC), and a copy of the RTC’s approval of the variance must be included with the candidate’s credentials packet. This variance will be applicable through to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and retroactively applicable between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and the current date.”

Finally, please note that, as always, the CM itself will be re-evaluated and updated for the 2022-2023 year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raelene Wouda".

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