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### **FMEC Encourages Input into new ACGME Family Medicine Program Requirements**

DAYTON, OHIO – The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) encourages its members and other family physicians in the northeast U.S. to learn about and provide comments on the proposed revisions to the [Family Medicine Program Requirements](#) released this month by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Comments are due by January 28, 2022.

Every 10 years, Review Committees review their specialty Program Requirements to determine necessary revisions. The proposed Family Medicine requirements are the culmination of extensive work and conversations that the Review Committee for Family Medicine has been having with the family medicine community over the last two years. The requirements intend to address what the specialty, the family medicine physician, and the health care needs of the future will look like.

Dr. Stacy E. Potts, Vice Chair of Education at University of Massachusetts Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and a past president of the FMEC, is a past chair of the ACGME Review Committee for Family Medicine and chair of the ACGME Family Medicine Writing Group. At the [2021 Annual Meeting](#) in October in Pittsburgh, PA, the FMEC was fortunate to have Dr. Potts present *Shaping GME the Future of Family Medicine: Updates on the Benedum ACGME FM Requirements Major Revisions* and lead a lively discussion about what the changes will mean for the future practice of family medicine. Dr. Potts is also the speaker on a recorded webinar, [Shaping GME: Future of Family Medicine Training](#), which is available now to help family physicians learn about the rationale behind the major changes to the requirements.

Individual responses from family medicine faculty and others are critical to helping these new requirements meet their goals regarding the future of family medicine. The FMEC is considering an organizational response to the proposed revisions and will appreciate hearing feedback from its members and partner organizations, as well.

To access information on the proposed changes and submit your comments, visit the [ACGME Review and Comment website](#) and scroll down to Family Medicine.

#### **About the Family Medicine Education Consortium**

The Family Medicine Education Consortium, Inc. (FMEC) is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects family physicians and other stakeholders to improve the health communities by strengthening family medicine, primary care and medical education. The FMEC serves 14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeast region of the U.S., working with 60 medical school departments of family medicine, 170 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for nearly 1,000 health professionals, annual awards, learning communities, and quality improvement projects, the FMEC inspires medical students to seek careers in family medicine, strengthens academic family medicine through faculty development and leadership experiences, and stimulates innovative approaches to primary care service delivery.

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