



## COMLEX-USA and GME Placement Rate Review Policies

### Scope of This Policy

Information from colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) is collected each year to monitor compliance with COCA standards. Below is a description of two measures that are collected as part of this process and the actions taken as result of specific outcomes.

### COMLEX-USA

#### **Data Collection**

Data is received annually through an agreement with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). The COCA receives data for all levels of the COMLEX-USA exam for both first-time takers and all takers.

#### **Reporting**

COMLEX first-time pass rates will be reported highlighting scores that are one and two standard deviations below the mean of all pass rates. Three-year data will be reviewed by the DRC and reported to the COCA.

#### **Notification**

- A. For COMs with first-time pass rates in any one section of the COMLEX-USA exam that is more than two standard deviations below the mean of all the pass rates and the pass rate is less than 90%:
  - i. Occurs in a single year:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) concerning the finding. These COMs will not be able to apply for substantive change requests for a planned class size increase, an additional location, or branch campus for three years.
  - ii. Occurs two years in a row:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) concerning the finding.
  - iii. Occurs three years in a row:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) and the president of the university asking for an explanation for the findings and description of any correction plan in place.
- B. For COMs with first time pass rates in more than one section of the COMLEX-USA exam that are more than two standard deviations below the mean of all the pass rates and the pass rate is less than 90%:
  - i. Occurs in the same year:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) concerning the finding.
  - ii. Occurs two years in a row:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) and the president of the university asking for an explanation for the findings and description of any correction plan in place. These COMs will not be able to apply for substantive

change requests for a planned class size increase, an additional location, or branch campus for three years

### **Graduate Medical Education (GME) Placement**

#### **Data Collection**

COMs report GME placement data for the most recent graduates on the COCA Annual Supplemental Report. Placement is defined as post-graduate employment that occurs during the NRMP match week, SOAP, or through other means by July 1 of that year.

#### **Reporting**

Overall placement rate will be reported for each COM highlighting rates that are below 95%.

#### **Notification**

- A. For COMs with GME Placement rate below 95%.
  - i. Occurs in a single year:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) concerning the finding. These COMs will not be able to apply for substantive change requests for a planned class size increase, an additional location, or branch campus for three years.
  - ii. Occurs two years in a row:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) concerning the finding.
  - iii. Occurs three years in a row:

A letter will be sent to the dean (CAO) and the president of the university asking for an explanation for the findings and description of any correction plan in place.