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Dear Ms. Reitzner,

As you may know, the NRMP has been working closely with the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties, the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, and the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine to combine the Medical Specialties and Pediatric Specialties Matches. The separate timelines and process of the current Matches have caused difficulties for multiple groups of trainee participants, including partners from both specialties who would like to participate in the Match as a couple and specialties that provide combined internal medicine and pediatric training.

The specialty workgroup has convened several times over the past year and surveyed the sponsoring organizations of both Matches to gauge the interest in and best schedule for a combined Match. The response from the sponsoring organizations was overwhelmingly in favor of a single fellowship Match for both specialties using the date pattern currently established for the Medical Specialties Matching Program. After the survey results had been compiled and reviewed, members of the workgroup held additional discussions and presentations with several fellowship program director groups to address concerns.

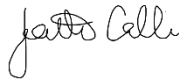
With these efforts and the positive outcome of the discussions, the NRMP has decided to combine the pediatrics and internal medicine fellowship Matches into a new "Medicine and Pediatric Specialties Match." Combining the fellowship subspecialties into a shared match is in the best interest of trainees, allowing an applicant to rank both medicine and pediatrics programs on the same rank list for combined training and couples to participate in one match with paired rank order lists. Participation in the Match by fellowship programs will not be impacted, other than a two-week shift in the typical date pattern for pediatric specialties.

The first combined Medicine and Pediatric Specialties Match will take place in 2022 for the 2023 appointment year with the following schedule:

Match Registration Opens:	August 24, 2022
Ranking Function Opens:	September 28, 2022
Quota Change Deadline:	November 2, 2022
Rank List Certification Deadline:	November 16, 2022
Match Day:	November 30, 2022

NRMP will begin communicating this change and the dates for the 2022 Match to participating program directors next week and the NRMP Program Directors' Annual Participation Agreement will be sent to your organization in mid-February. Please do not hesitate to contact me (jcalli@nrmp.org) or the NRMP support team ([support@nrmp.org](mailto:support@nrmp.org)) if you have any questions about the combined Match.

Best regards,



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