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**Q:** What is the difference between Attachment 1 and Attachment 1a?

**A:** Attachment 1a is only the listing of all of the citations verbatim. Attachment 1 is the key. If there are citations missing and they don't fit into the categories listed – then don't include them. If, however, they are missing and you feel that they should be included in Attachment 1, call Samantha Alvarado at the ACGME and she will process your information and, if applicable, will include the missing citations electronically.

**Q:** If a program director notifies a resident that he/she will not be promoted to the next level of training, does the resident have the right to implement the institution's grievance procedure?

**A:** Yes, anytime a resident is notified that he/she will not be promoted or his/her contract will not be renewed, the resident must be allowed to implement the institution's grievance procedures. Be sure that your Grievance Policy and Procedure addresses these circumstances and make sure that your Resident Contract contains, or provides, a reference to the institution's Grievance Policy and Procedure. Review the ACGME Institutional Requirements, II.D. for details on the Resident Contract and Conditions for Reappointment.

**Q:** We have a resident coming into our program as a PGY 2 who has done a preliminary year, but was simultaneously accepted into our program in the match when he came out of medical school. In other words, he knew where he was going to do his PGY1 and PGY 2 years though the NRMP. Do we still need a transfer letter?

**A:** Yes, the ACGME clarified this in May, 2008 and according to their clarification, "Residents are considered as transfer residents under several conditions including: moving from one program to another within the same or different sponsoring institution; when entering a PGY 2 program requiring a preliminary year even if the resident was simultaneously accepted into the preliminary PGY 1 program and the PGY 2 program as part of the match (e.g., accepted to both programs right out of medical school). Before accepting a transfer resident, the program director of the 'receiving program' must obtain written or electronic verification of previous educational experiences and a summative competency-based performance evaluation from the current program director.

The term 'transfer resident' and the responsibilities of the two program directors noted above do NOT apply to a resident who has successfully completed a residency and then is accepted into a subsequent residency or fellowship program."

See *The Program Director Guide to the Common Program Requirements* (July 1, 2007) for additional clarification and an example of an acceptable verification statement. Access their Guide on the ACGME website -- [www.acgme.org](http://www.acgme.org) -- under Quick Links on the home page.

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