



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Laura J. Pickard, DPM  
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Dear Dr. Pickard:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both Department staff and NACIQI recommend that I approve the Agency's request for renewal of recognition. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and NACIQI, and accordingly, I approve the APMA application for continued recognition as a programmatic and institutional accreditor of programs of podiatric medicine and freestanding colleges of podiatric medicine leading to the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation throughout the United States of freestanding colleges of podiatric medicine and programs of podiatric medicine, including first professional programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Only freestanding schools or colleges of podiatric medicine may use accreditation by this agency to establish eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.

Sincerely,

Jordan Matsudaira

Deputy Under Secretary

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