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U.S. Department of Education

Redetermination of Comparability

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Background

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) first reviewed Poland in October 1997. At that meeting, the NCFMEA determined that the standards used by the Polish Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to evaluate medical schools in Poland were comparable to those used to evaluate programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States.

In of June 2012, the NCFMEA reaffirmed its prior determination that the standards and processes used by the Accreditation Committee of Polish Universities of Medical Sciences (ACPUMS) and the Polish State Accreditation Committee (PSAC), were comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the U.S. At that time, the NCFMEA requested the country submit a report outlining a description of the merger of PSAC and ACPUMS, the effects of the merger, and a description to any changes to the country's accreditation process resulting from the merger, by Spring 2014. The special report was then reviewed and accepted at the September 2014 meeting. The country was also invited to submit an application for comparability at the Fall 2017 NCFMEA meeting. The country's redetermination is the subject of this analysis.

Summary of Findings

Additional information is requested for the following questions. These issues are summarized below and discussed in detail under the Staff Analysis section.

-- The NCFMEA may wish to request as evidence the Polish Accreditation Committee program assessments of the 3 remaining medical schools with two facilities for further assessment of this guideline. [Remote Sites, Question 1]

-- The NCFMEA may wish to request as evidence the Polish Accreditation Committee program assessments of the 3 remaining medical schools with two facilities for further assessment of this guideline. [Remote Sites, Question 2]

-- The NCFMEA may still wish to request clarification on plans to adopt requirements regarding medical school admission test requirements; the number of times a student took the MCAT for admittance; or plans for requiring such information from the medical schools as evidence. [Admissions, Recruiting, and Publications, Question 1]

Staff Analysis