

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS *of School Psychology Programs*

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To: Susan F. Zlotlow, Ph.D.,
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Re: Response to Call for Comments Regarding AOP Proposed Changes

CDSPP unequivocally supports the two proposed changes in Accreditation Operating Procedures and Guidelines and Principles as described in your memo of August 1, 2003 and re-printed below.

Accreditation Operating Procedures

(1) Section 4.4 (Site Visit Interval). Change in maximum interval between postdoctoral residency program site visits from 5 years to 7 years:

At the time of making an accreditation decision, the CoA will also decide the year in which to schedule the program's next periodic review. For all accredited programs, a period ranging from 3 to 7 years between site visits may be designated ~~for doctoral and internship programs, and a period ranging from 3 to 5 years may be designated for postdoctoral residency programs,~~ depending upon the program's stage of development. For programs "accredited, on probation," the interval for the next site visit will be no less than 1 year and no more than 3 years.

For ~~doctoral and internship~~ programs on accredited status, if the period of time designated is less than 7 years, the CoA will request a self-study report at the designated time and, following its review of that report, will determine when the next site visit should be scheduled. At a minimum, however, all ~~doctoral and internship~~ programs will be site visited at least once every 7 years, ~~and postdoctoral residency programs once every 5 years.~~

A program may request a site visit earlier than scheduled. The CoA reserves the right to schedule an earlier visit if it has evidence to suggest concerns about the program's consistency with the G&P.

Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology

(2) Reference to the 1992 APA *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* should be updated as follows:

Domain E (doctoral and internship programs) and Footnotes 2 and 10: See the current APA "Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct" *American Psychologist*, December 1992

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