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Dear Ophthalmic Training Community:

Thank you for your participation in the International Council of Accreditation's (ICA) Public Hearing on the *Standards and Criteria for Accreditation* and for your patience on the finalization of the Standards. The ICA Board of Directors have met numerous times to carefully review and discuss the submitted comments for the Public Hearing.

Enclosed are the finalized *Standards and Criteria for Accreditation*. The Application/Annual Fees and Appendix A will be forthcoming. It is ICA's hope that the finalized document will adequately address the issues brought forth while preserving the aspirational nature of the Guidance.

Timeline for *ICA Standards and Criteria for Accreditation*:

1. May 2019 - *Standards and Criteria for Accreditation* finalized and released to the public.
2. August 31, 2019 - All ophthalmic training programs under review in 2020 are to make application by this date. Programs may use the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs (CoA-OMP) Self-Study documents and Standards during application. ICA is planning to release the new Self-Study template in mid-summer. Programs will provide evidence to the reviewers of progress towards the new *Standards and Criteria*. All currently accredited ophthalmic training programs will be required to be in complete compliance at their next regularly scheduled full review and Annual Reports should indicate progress towards compliance.
3. October 31, 2019 - Annual Reports due.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Taylor-Sharp, ICA Coordinator, at (651) 731-7243 or via email, [ctsharp@jcahpo.org](mailto:ctsharp@jcahpo.org).

Sincerely,

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