

## **National Resident Match Program Now Open for 2017-2018 Season**

The 2018 Main Residency Match is now open for medical school students and residency programs across the U.S. The Match process is a United States-based private non-profit non-governmental system by which medical students and residency programs simultaneously “match” to fill first-year and second-year post-graduate training positions accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Students during their final year of medical school from both the [University of Mississippi School of Medicine](#), and [William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), will send applications to their chosen residency programs and interview for available slots through the fall and early winter. From mid-January to late February, applicants and program directors rank each other in order of preference and submit the preference lists to the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), which processes them using a computerized mathematical algorithm to match applicants with programs.

Mississippi still has the fewest doctors per capita than any other state at 185 physicians per 100,000 residents, compared to the national median of 251 per 100,000. However, Mississippi also has the fourth highest retention state in the country with 54 percent of residents choosing to remain in state to practice. A [study](#) published in Family Medicine, a medical journal, found that approximately 50 percent of family physicians practice within 100 miles of their residency programs.

According to the NRMP, the 2017 Main Residency Match was the largest on record, exceeding the more than 42,000 applicants who registered for the 2016 Match and the more than 4,800 residency programs at institutions across the country that offered more than 30,000 positions last year.

Applicants can view registration steps, checklists, fees, and policies at [www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org) and click [here](#) for residency match calendar dates and deadlines.