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The policy now includes a requirement that the full text of all applicable cited articles in the bibliography, if co-authored by any of the manuscript collaborators, and if accepted for publication after April 7, 2008, must also be available in PMC. The NIH will delay funding or renewal of non-competing continuation awards with a start date of July 1, 2013, if the applicants’ publications arising from grant awards are not in compliance with the policy.

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