

Support & Grow Wisconsin's GME Residencies



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Wisconsin is projected to have a shortfall of more than 3,000 physicians by 2035.

With a physician's runway to practice 12 years or more, the Wisconsin Hospital Association and the legislature recognized the urgent need for more physician training in Wisconsin, and created GME 'Grow Our Own Grants' with 2013 Wisconsin Act 20.

But the current statute creates unnecessary limits on the number of GME residents supported and insufficiently addresses the unique barriers faced by rural hospitals. Specifically, the current limit of \$225,000 per hospital per fiscal year prevents programs from expanding above three spots or entirely filling the pipeline for residencies that take longer than three years.

The Grow Our Own Equation



Data shows that if you put a Wisconsin student through a Wisconsin medical school and place them in a Wisconsin residency, there's an 86% chance that new physician will stay in Wisconsin to practice.

GME Defined

Graduate Medical Education (GME)/Residency is the medical training that occurs after receiving a M.D. (Doctor of Medicine) or D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degree, typically three to seven years at teaching hospitals and their associated ambulatory settings.

'Grow Our Own Grants' Work

154 New GME residency slots

\$45M investment in Wisconsin GME as a result of partnerships created by 39 grants

60 New Wisconsin physicians each and every year

Wisconsin's Rural Hospitals Face Unique Challenges in starting and sustaining GME programs:



Sustainability

A rural hospital may only be able to provide opportunities for 1-2 residents each year. Creating infrastructure for that is not sustainable or efficient.



Wide Geographical Area

Each rural hospital's service area may cover a wide geography creating travel requirements that urban and suburban areas don't face.



Limited Access to Funding

Many rural hospitals are critical access hospitals that have limited or no access to federal GME funding.



Help Grow More Physicians for Wisconsin by

- ✓ Allowing hospitals who are willing and able to expand above three grant-supported residencies to do so by eliminating the \$225,000 limit.
- ✓ Supporting rural hospital GME consortiums that provide shared GME infrastructure.