

AGENDA ITEM VIII-T (7)

Consideration of adopting on an emergency basis the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board relating to new Chapter 6, Health Education, Training, and Research Funds, Subchapter F, Planning Grants for Graduate Medical Education, Sections 6.105 – 6.110 of Board rules, concerning the award of planning grants for graduate medical education (H.B. 1025 and H.B. 2550, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt on an emergency basis new Chapter 6, Subchapter F, Sections 6.105 – 6.110 of Board rules, concerning the award of planning grants for graduate medical education (H.B. 1025 and H.B. 2550, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session).

Background Information:

House Bill 1025 and House Bill 2550, passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, and codified in new Chapter 58A of the Texas Education Code, created several new programs to support medical and graduate medical education (GME). The Coordinating Board is granted rulemaking authority in Section 58A.021 and is required to award grants under the programs.

The purpose of the legislation is to create an expansion of first-year residency positions in the state. The intent of the new Chapter 6, Subchapter F, Sections 6.105-6.110 is to specify the Board's criteria and process for awarding Planning Grants to eligible entities planning to create additional GME first-year residency positions in the state. Eligible entities must not currently operate a residency program and must not have been assigned a cap on the number of residents applicable to Medicare GME funding.

Legal Review:

Approved by the Office of General Counsel



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CHAPTER 6 - HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH FUNDS
SUBCHAPTER F – PLANNING GRANTS FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

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6.105 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to implement rules regarding awards for Graduate Medical Education Planning Grants.

6.106 Authority

The authority for this subchapter is found in Texas Education Code, Chapter 58A, Subchapter B, Sections 58A.021 and 58A.022.

6.107 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Board--The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Commissioner--The Commissioner of Higher Education.
- (3) First-Year Residency Position--A position filled by a physician that is entering into residency training for the first time. These positions are also referred to as entry level positions.
- (4) First-year Residency Program--Any graduate medical education program that accepts first-year physicians immediately after their successful completion of medical school.
- (5) Graduate-Year Level--A resident's current year of accredited graduate medical education. Graduate-Year Level is also referred to as "postgraduate year" or "PGY."
- (6) Graduate Medical Education Program--A nationally-accredited post-medical degree (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) program that prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine in a specific specialty area, also referred to as residency training.
- (7) Hospital--A Texas health care facility, as defined in Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 241.003, and includes a hospital owned, maintained, or operated by the state, but does not include a facility that is owned, maintained, or operated by the federal government or an agency of the federal government.

(8) Medical School--A public or independent medical institution that awards the doctor of medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree, as defined in Texas Education Code, Section 61.501(1).

(9) Request for Applications--The full text of the administrative regulations, budget guidelines, reporting requirements, and other standards of accountability for this program.

(10) Sponsoring Institution--The organization or entity that assumes the ultimate financial and/or academic responsibility for a program of graduate medical education, e.g., a university, a medical school, a hospital, a school of public health, a health department, a public health agency, an organized health care delivery system, a medical examiner's office, a consortium, an educational foundation.

6.108 Eligibility

(a) Entities located in the state are eligible to apply for support under the Planning Grant Program if the entity:

(1) does not operate a graduate medical education (GME) program; and

(2) has not been assigned a cap on the number of residents applicable to Medicare GME funding.

(b) A grant under this subchapter must be used for the purpose of planning a GME first-year residency program.

6.109 Selection for Funding

(a) Applicants shall be selected for funding on a competitive basis. Application requirements and selection criteria shall be provided in the Request for Applications (RFA).

(b) The selection process includes an application review and staff recommendation for funding. Board staff shall review applications to determine if they adhere to the grant program requirements and the funding priorities contained in the RFA. An application must meet the requirements of the RFA and be submitted with proper authorization before or on the day specified by the Board to qualify for further consideration.

6.110 General Information

(a) Cancellation or Suspension of Grants. The Board has the right to reject all applications and cancel a grant solicitation at any point.

(b) Notice of Grant Award (NOGA). Before release of funds, the successful applicants must sign a NOGA issued by Board staff.

(c) Reporting. Grantees must file reports with Board staff as required by the RFA.