

AGENDA ITEM VIII-T (9)

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 H, Grants for New and Expanded Programs for Graduate Medical Education, Sections 6.135 – 6.140 of Board rules, concerning awards under grants for new and expanded programs 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 H, Sections 6.135 – 6.140 of Board rules, concerning awards under Grants for New and Expanded Programs 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 H, Sections 6.135 – 6.140 is to specify the Board's criteria and process for awarding Grants for New and Expanded Programs to eligible: 1) existing first-year GME programs that intend to increase their number of accreditor-approved first-year residency positions, and 2) sponsoring institutions that intend to establish a new GME program with first-year residency positions. The GME programs must verify that additional residency positions have been created and filled to receive funding support.

Legal Review:

Approved by the Office of General Counsel



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CHAPTER 6 - HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH FUNDS  
SUBCHAPTER H – GRANTS FOR NEW AND EXPANDED PROGRAMS FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL  
EDUCATION

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6.135 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to implement rules regarding awards for Graduate Medical Education Program Expansion and New Programs.

6.136 Authority

The authority for this subchapter is found in Texas Education Code, Chapter 58A, Subchapter B, Sections 58A.021, 58A.024 and 58A.025.

6.137 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 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.
- (6) 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."

(7) 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).

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

(9) 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.

#### 6.138 Eligibility

(a) The following entities are eligible to participate in the grant program and may apply for support:

(1) An existing graduate medical education (GME) program that intends to increase the number of approved first-year residency positions, or

(2) A sponsoring institution that intends to establish a new GME program with first-year residency positions.

(b) A grant under this subchapter may only support costs related to the direct resident costs of the GME program.

#### 6.139 Selection for Funding

(a) Applicant shall be selected for funding based on requirements and selection criteria 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 RFA to qualify for further consideration.

(c) Board staff shall distribute funding only after awarded applicants verify that funded residency positions have been filled.

#### 6.140 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.