Graduate Medical Education Expansion Programs

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Texas increased its medical school enrollments 32 percent from Fall 2002 to Fall 2013.

Source: Coordinating Board, certified data.
Increases in entering medical students are showing up in the number of medical school graduates.

Source: Coordinating Board, certified data.
Graduates and GME 1st Year Positions

Projections Needed to Achieve 1.1 to 1 Ratio

Source: Coordinating Board, certified data.
Note: *Projections of medical school graduates are based on a 95 percent graduation rate and include two planned medical schools projected to admit students beginning in fall 2016.

- Needed for 1.1 to 1 ratio
- MD/DO Degrees Awarded
- Number of First-Year GME Positions
The 83rd Legislature Increased Funding For Existing and Established New GME Programs

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*Includes $7.75M appropriated for FY13 in HB 1025 with carry forward authority into FY14/15.
** These two programs share the same funding pool.
Family Practice Residency Program

- Established in 1977 to increase the number of physicians selecting family practice as their medical specialty, especially in rural and underserved communities.

- Since its inception, the program has provided funding support for more than 8,940 family practice residents.

- Provides grants to 29 nationally-accredited family practice residency programs located in every region of the state.

- Additional funding of $7.75 million added by HB 1025.
GME Expansion: Planning Grants

- Created and funded under HB 1025 (83rd Legislature)
- Designed to allow entities that do not currently operate a GME program to investigate the feasibility of establishing such a program
- Maximum of 12 awards at an amount of $150,000 each
- Coordinating Board developed rules, published Request for Application and announced awards in December 2013
- Nine applications were received and all were awarded funding for a two year planning grant
GME Expansion: Unfilled Position Grants

- Established to provide support for existing accredited residency programs to fill currently approved but unfilled first-year residency positions

- HB 1025 provides for a maximum of 25 positions to receive $65,000 per resident per year (i.e. $3.25 million for the biennium)

- Seven applicants were approved for 25 unfilled positions. Positions were funded in internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family medicine, psychiatry, and anesthesiology
Graduate Medical Education Expansion Unfilled Position Grants

- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - El Paso
- University of North Texas Health Science Center - Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas
- University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston
- University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston
- Bay Area Corpus Christi Medical Center
GME Expansion: New and Expanded Programs

- Established by HB 1025 to support:
  - Expansion of the number of accreditor-approved first-year residency program positions, or
  - Establishment of new first-year residency programs

- No awards made in FY15: $4.125 million available for FY15 awards after Unfilled Position commitments.

- Maximum grant award is $65,000 per newly created residency position

- Grants will assist programs by providing funding for the direct resident costs, including stipends and benefits

- Request for Applications will be released in Fall 2014
GME Expansion: Grants for Additional Residency Years

- Established by HB 2550 (83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session) to fund residents who have completed at least three years of residency training and whose residency program is in a field in which the state has less than 80 percent of the national average of physicians per 100,000 population.

- HB 2550 restricts the award of these grants to the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 or subsequent years, contingent on appropriation of funds.
GME Expansion: Resident Physician Expansion

• Created by HB 2550 (83rd Legislature) to increase the number of residency positions in first-year GME programs.

• Provide awards on a competitive basis to encourage the creation of new GME positions through community collaboration and innovative funding.

• $5 million provided in SB 1 (THECB Rider 54) to support the program in Fiscal Years 2014-2015.

• Coordinating Board used negotiated rulemaking to establish program (consensus rules submitted to the Texas Register April 14, 2014).

• Anticipate applications will be solicited in Fall 2014.
GME Expansion:
Primary Care Innovation

- Established to provide awards on a competitive basis to medical schools that administer innovative programs designed to increase the number of primary care physicians in the state.

- $2.1 million provided in SB 1 (THECB Rider 62) to support the program in Fiscal Years 2014-2015.

- Coordinating Board used negotiated rulemaking to establish program (consensus rules submitted to the Texas Register April 14, 2014).

- Applications will be solicited in Fall 2014.