Graduate Medical Education Expansion Programs

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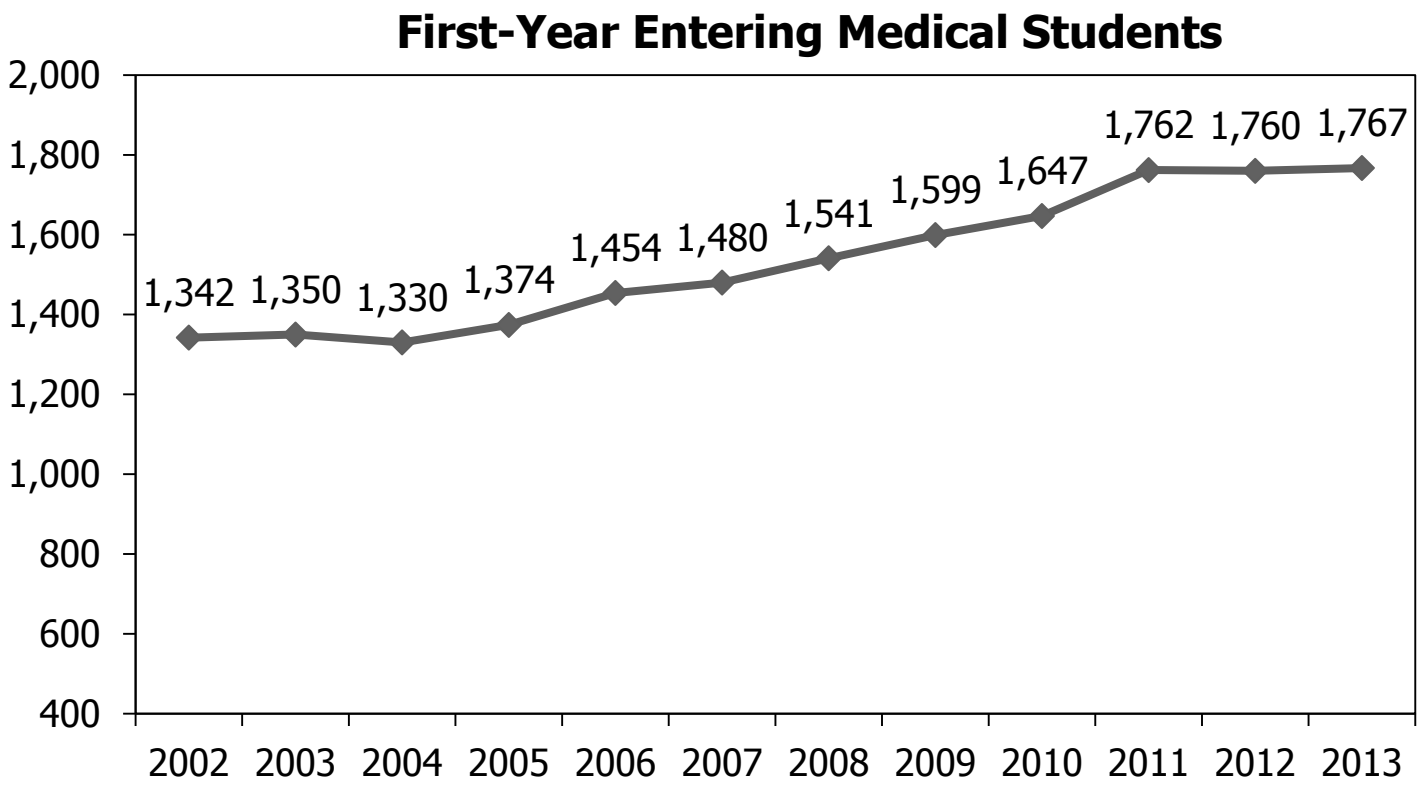
Texas increased its medical school enrollments 32 percent from Fall 2002 to Fall 2013



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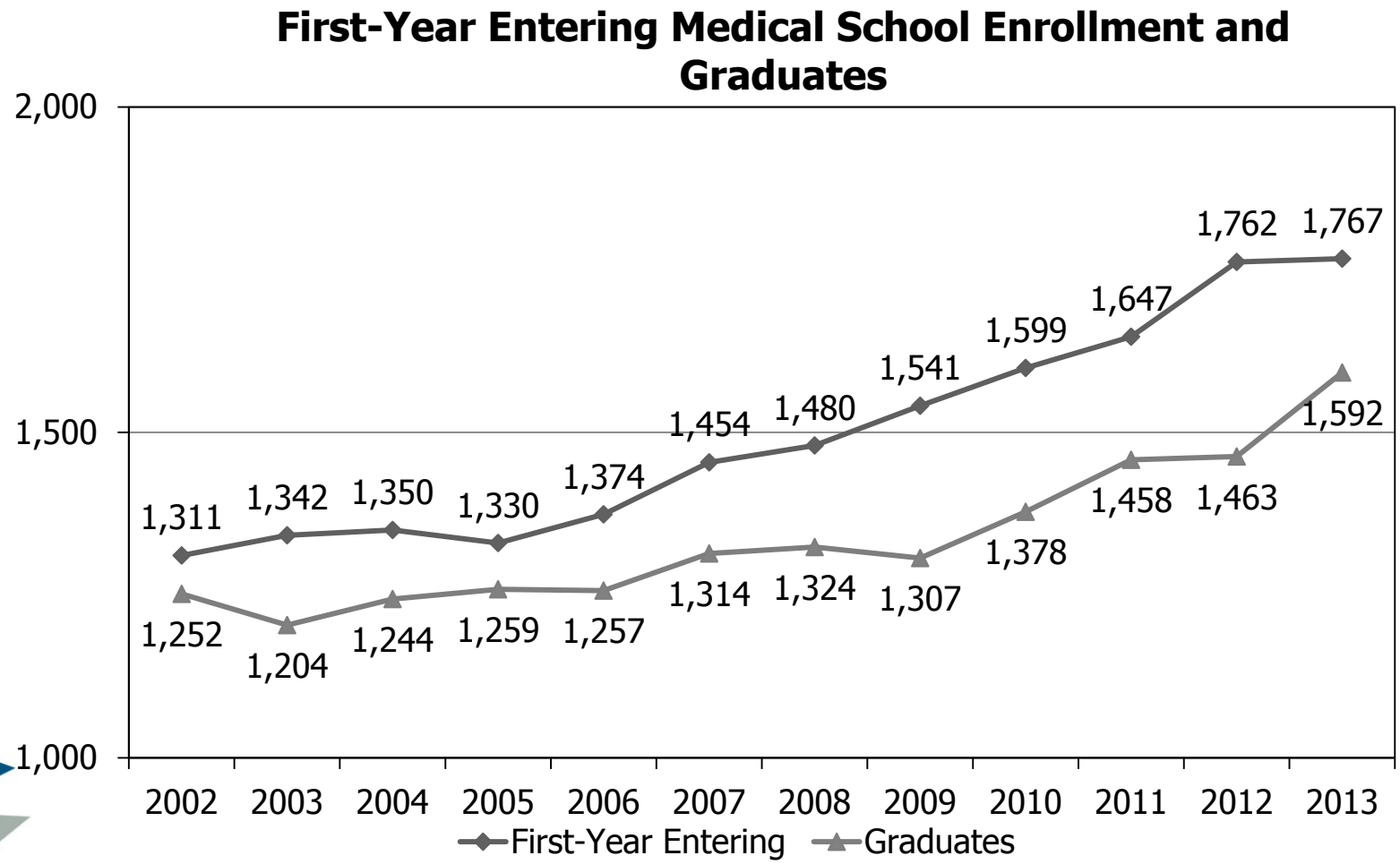
Increases in entering medical students are showing up in the number of medical school graduates



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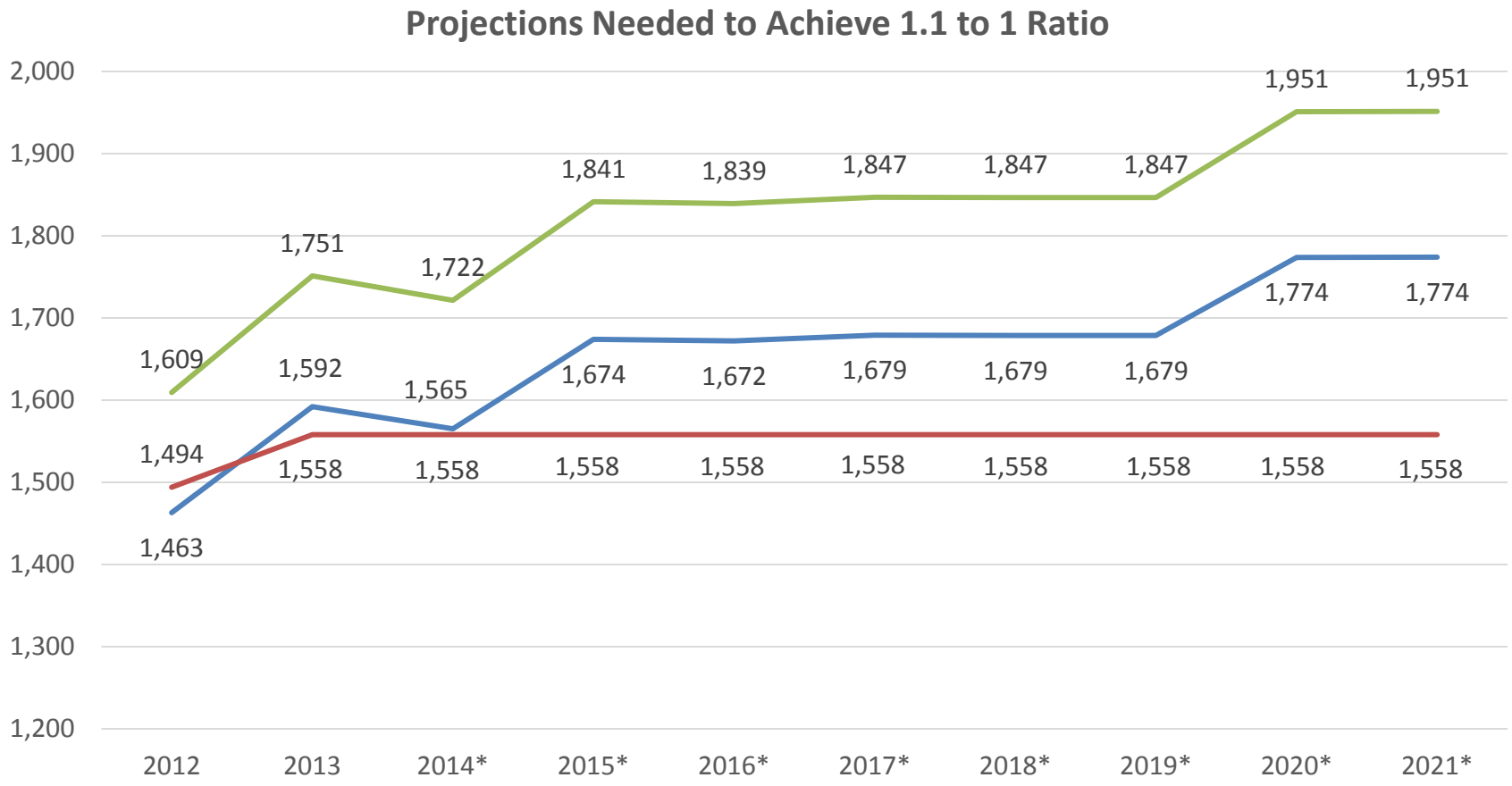
Graduates and GME 1st Year Positions



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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

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The 83rd Legislature Increased Funding For Existing and Established New GME Programs

Program	Created by	FY14/15 Funding
Family Practice Residency Program	Existing	$12.78M*
GME Planning Grants	HB 1025 (83rd)	$1.875M
Unfilled Residency Positions Program	HB 1025 (83rd)	$7.375M**
New & Expanded Positions Program	HB 1025 (83rd)	$7.375M**
Additional Years of Residency	HB 2550 (83rd)	$0
Primary Care Innovation Program	HB 2550 (83rd)	$2.1M
Resident Physician Expansion Program	HB 2550 (83rd)	$5M

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

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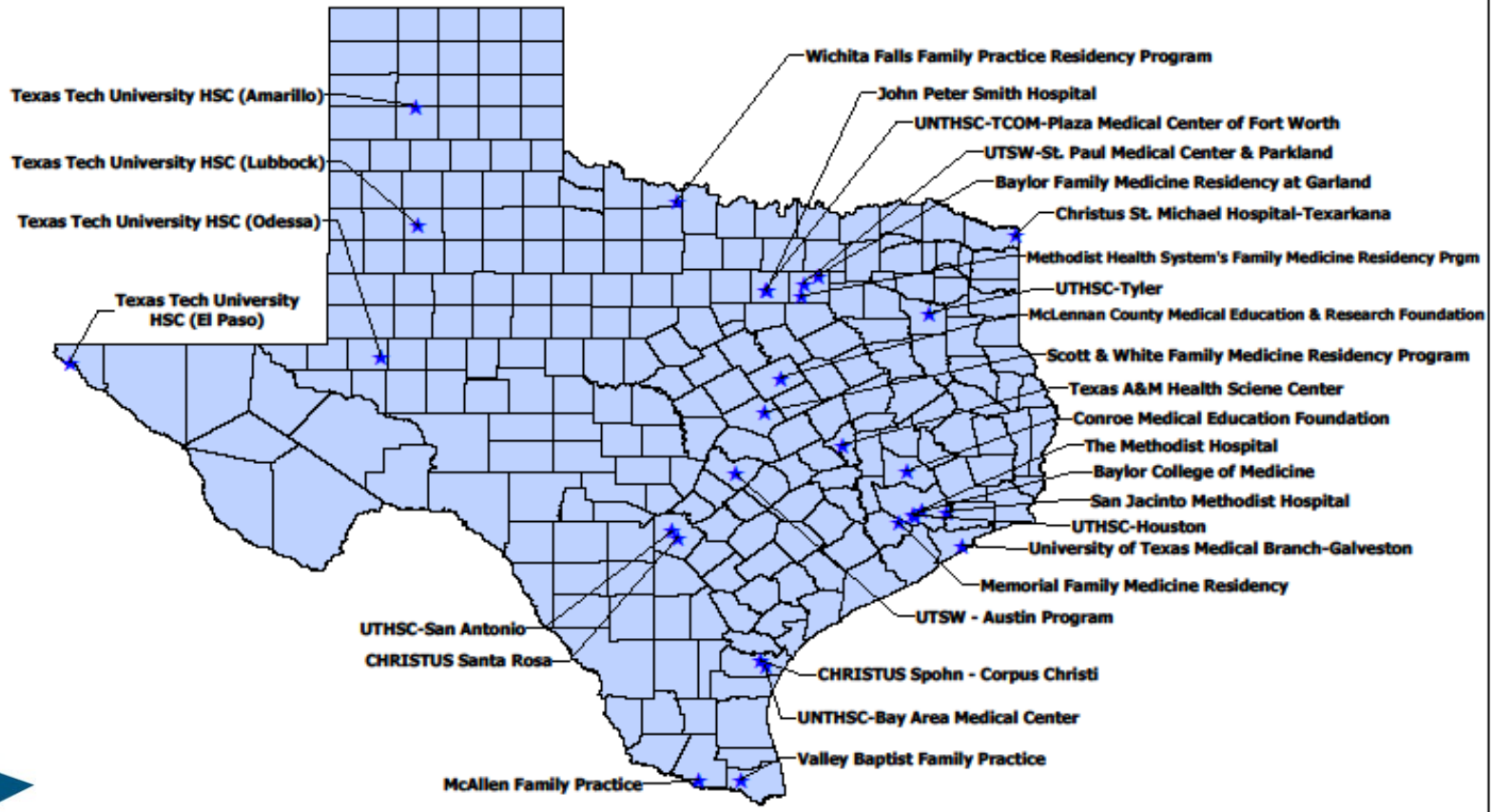
Family Practice Residency Program

- 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

Texas Family Practice Residency Programs



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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

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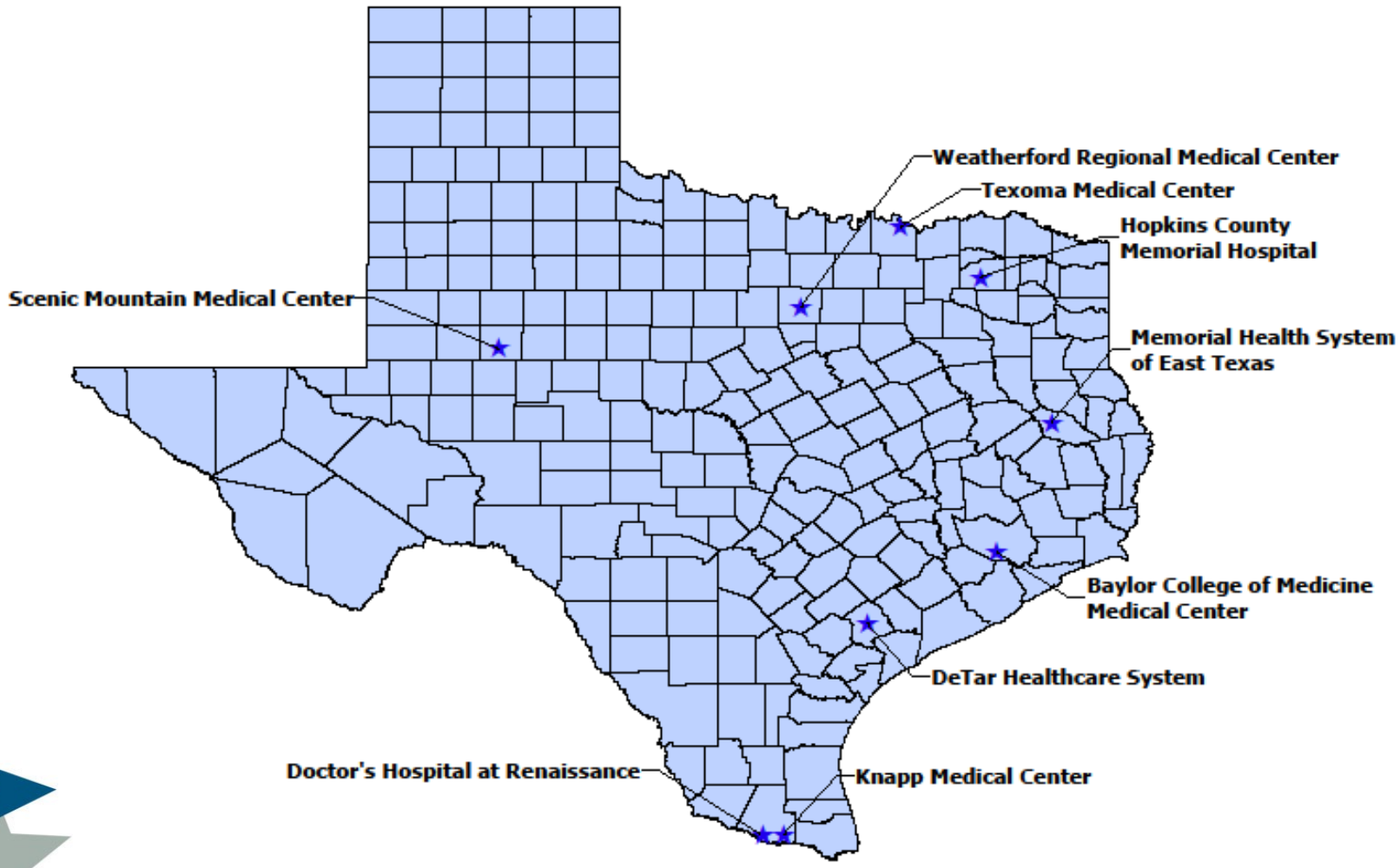
Graduate Medical Education Expansion Planning Grants



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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

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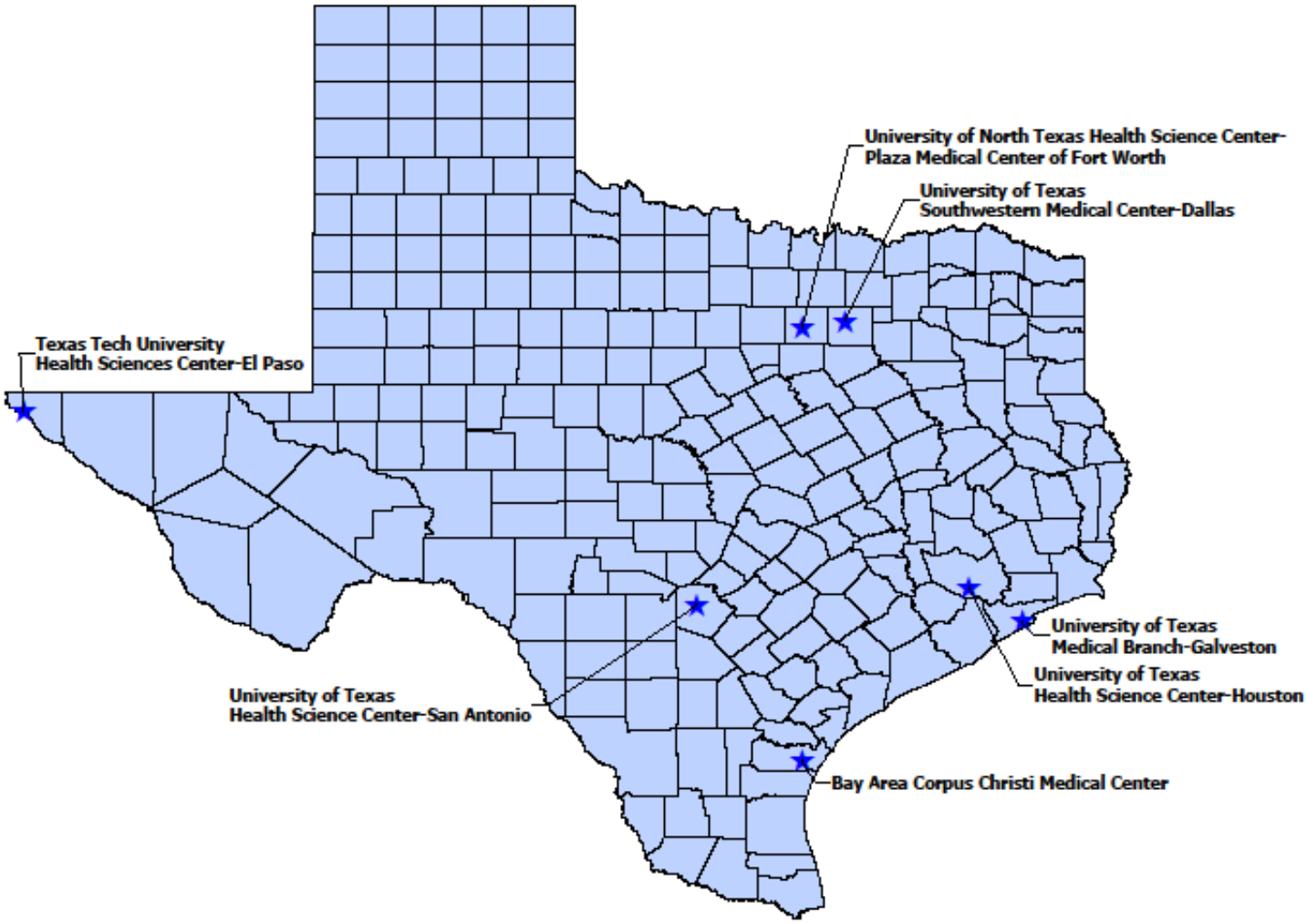
Graduate Medical Education Expansion Unfilled Position Grants



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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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