Overview and History: Health Professions Grant Programs

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Graduate Medical and Medical Education Programs:

History of Programs Established and Funded

Family Practice Residency Program	1977 – present
Resident Physician Compensation Program	1981 – 2003
Family Practice Residency Program – Pilot Projects	1993 – 2003
Primary Care Residency Program	1995 – 2011
Primary Care Preceptorship Program (medical students)	1995 – 2010
Graduate Medical Education Program	1997—2010
Joint Admissions Medical Program (medical students)	2003 – present
GME Formula Funding	2006 – present
Emergency and Trauma Care Education Partnership	2011 – present
GME Expansion Programs: Unfilled, Expansion, New Positions, Planning Grants, Primary Care Innovation Grant Program, and Residency Physician Expansion Program	2013 – present

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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

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Family Practice Residency Program

Program Operating Funding	
FY 2011:	$9,968,400
FY 2012:	$2,800,000
FY 2013:	$2,800,000
FY 2014:	$6,207,920
FY 2015:	$6,378,322

Per-Resident Funding	
FY 2011:	$14,396
FY 2012:	$ 3,895
FY 2013:	$ 3,841
FY 2014:	$ 8,504
FY 2015:	$ 8,737

An additional $14 million above the current biennial level of funding of $12.75 million (SB1 $5M and HB 1025 $7.75M) would be required to restore the per resident funding level to the 2010-2011 biennium per resident funding average.

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Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP)

- Created to support and encourage economically-disadvantaged Texas resident students pursuing a medical education
- JAMP students are eligible to receive a scholarship each semester beginning in their sophomore year of college and receive mentoring and personal assistance to prepare for medical school
- If JAMP students fulfill all requirements, they receive a guarantee of admission to attend a Texas medical school
- The first cohort of JAMP students was selected in 2003 and graduated from medical school in spring 2010; cohorts from 2004 through 2007 have also graduated from medical school

Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP)

- Of the 196 JAMP graduates in the first five classes:
  - 71 percent (139) entered residency programs in Texas, and
  - 66 percent (129) are training to become primary care physicians

- More than 500 students are currently participating in the program

- Program has successfully expanded medical education outreach to high school and undergraduate students through statewide programming

Biennial Funding	
FY10-FY11:	$10,607,155
FY12-FY13:	$ 7,006,794
FY14-FY15:	$10,206,794

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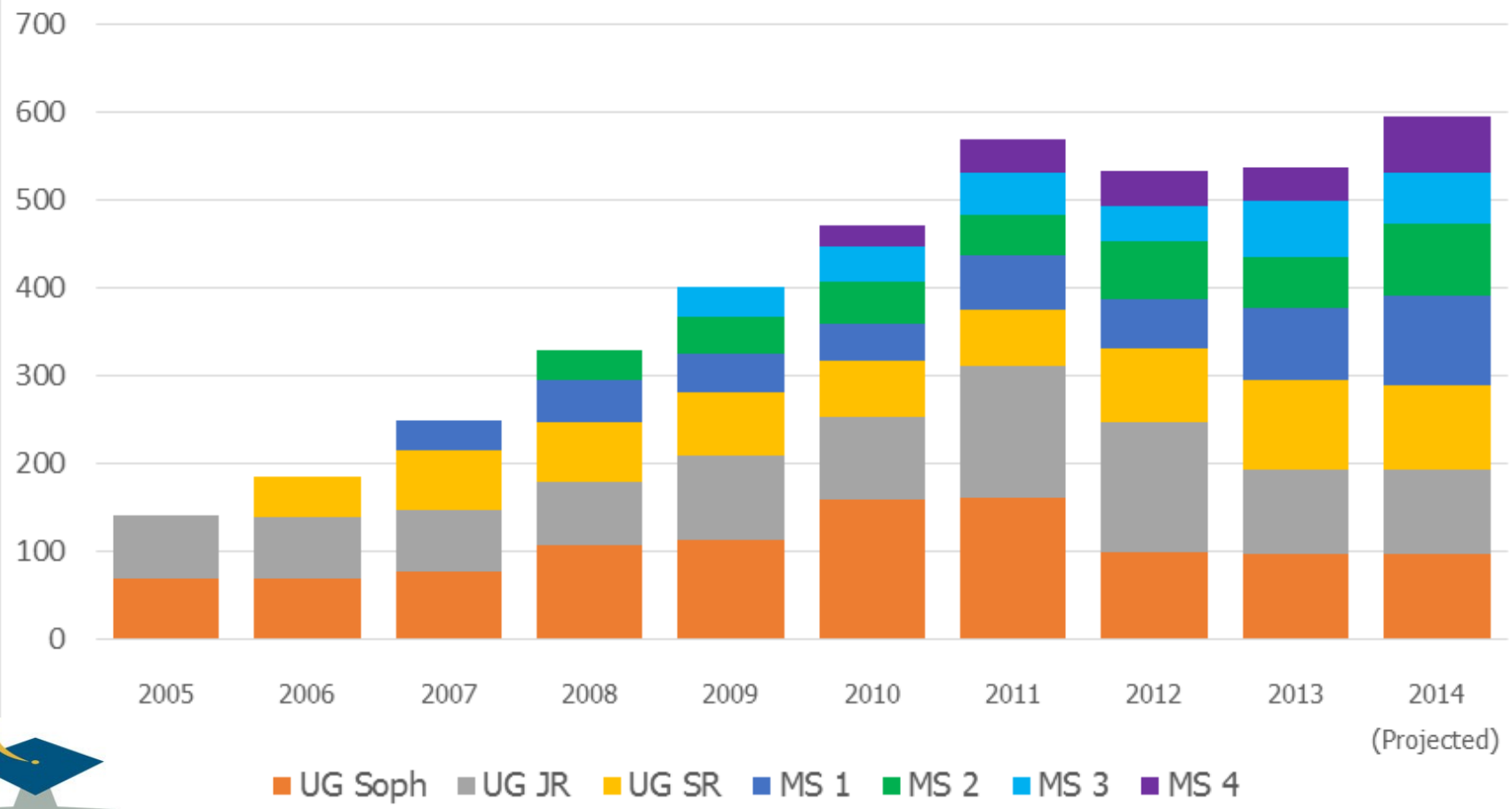
JAMP -- Student Participation



Undergraduate [Year] *Medical School [Year]*

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Emergency and Trauma Care Education Partnership Program (ETEP)

- Supports partnerships between hospitals and GME programs to increase emergency medicine and trauma care physician residents and fellows

- Also supports partnerships between hospitals and graduate nursing programs to increase the education and training experiences in emergency and trauma care for Registered Nurses

- Eligible GME programs include:
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Pediatric Emergency Medicine
  - Surgical Critical Care

Biennial Funding	
FY12-FY13:	$ 4.5 million
FY14-FY15:	$ 4.5 million

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FY 12/13 ETEP Awards

GME

- 13 programs funded
- Residency and fellowship programs include emergency medicine, pediatric emergency medicine, and surgical critical care
- Grants support an additional 55 residents/fellows in Texas

Nursing

- Three nursing programs applied and received an award to increase the number of RNs by an estimated 159

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Physician Education Loan Repayment Program

- Provides loan repayment funds totaling up to $160,000 (over a period of four years) on behalf of qualifying physicians
- Main purpose is to recruit and retain primary care physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Up to ten physicians per year may qualify by serving patients in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department or Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility
- Applications from subspecialists practicing in HPSAs are considered during the final quarter of each fiscal year if funds are available for disbursement the following fiscal year

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PELRP Funding History

1986-2009:	Approximately $1 million per year
FY2010-2011:	$22 million
FY2012-2013:	$5.6 million
FY2014-2015:	$33.8 million

Prior to September 1, 2009, PELRP was funded by state General Revenue and tuition set-asides. House Bill 2154 (81st Legislature) added revenue from sales tax on smokeless tobacco as a funding source. FY2014-15 funding is provided exclusively through revenue from sales tax on smokeless tobacco.

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PELRP Changes for Fiscal Years 2014-15

- SB 1 (83rd Legislature) funding was designed to cover physicians already participating in the program, as well as a cohort of 100 physicians entering PELRP in FY14, and a second cohort of 100 entering in FY15. The appropriated amount covers both cohorts for four years of loan repayment at maximum awards.

- HB 2550 (83rd Legislature) allows awards to non-HPSA physicians who have provided health care services to a designated number of Medicaid or Texas Women's Health Program enrollees
  - These applicants may be funded only after all other eligible applicants have been awarded

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FY14 PELRP Awards Status

- **Goal:** Enroll at least 100 new physicians (from HPSAs and up to 10 in correctional facilities) by 8/31/13
- **Actual:** Enrolled 138 physicians (HPSAs, 3 correctional facilities)
- An additional 44 applicants are attempting to qualify on the basis of Medicaid service levels (to be determined in September)

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