

CHAPTER 15. INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY PROGRAM

540:15-1-1. Purpose

Section 625.14 and 697.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes indicates that *the legislature recognizes that there is a need to upgrade the availability of health care services for people of Oklahoma, and thus, there is a need to improve the balance of ~~physician manpower~~health care workforce distribution in the state both by type of practice and geographic location. Furthermore, the Legislature recognizes the need to accommodate the increasing number of graduates from the medical and osteopathic colleges of Oklahoma by retaining their services as practicing physicians in the state and by attracting graduates from schools outside the state. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of internship and residency programs offered for the training of physicians throughout the state through the sharing by the state of the costs of such internships and residencies with hospitals and other clinical residency training establishments. These programs shall be designed primarily to emphasize the training of primary health care and family practice physicians and to develop ~~manpower~~workforce programs to service directly the rural and nonmetropolitan areas of the state or other areas of severe need. [70:697.1]*

540:15-1-2. Statutory administration of program

Section 625.14 and 697.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes provides that *the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission is authorized to establish and administer cost-sharing programs for internship and residency physician training. [70:697.2]*

540:15-1-3. Terms and conditions of assistance

Section 625.14 and 697.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes states that financial assistance for internship and residency training shall be provided to Oklahoma allopathic and osteopathic institutions engaged in postgraduate training on a cost sharing basis as follows:

(1) *Salary, fringe benefits, training and program administration of the interns and residents as may be arranged by contract for reimbursement with an accredited and approved hospital and accredited clinical programs throughout the state ~~approved by the Physician Manpower Training Commission~~in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine at Tulsa, and the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. [70:625.14][70:697.2]*

(2) The Commission shall conduct the coordination and selection of internship and residency programs to assure the effective operation of these programs.

(3) *Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the subsidy for these programs shall be used in the training of primary health care and family/general practice physicians for the rural and medically underserved areas of the state [70:697.2]; the subsidy to a given training institution shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount which may be prescribed by law or as determined by the Commission.*

(4) *No less than forty percent (40%) of all participating residents and interns in each school year must participate in a rural program outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas. [70:697.6]Residents and*

interns shall allocate the time spent in rural programs outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas in accordance with primary care specialty accreditation standards.

540:15-1-4. Contractual arrangements

The ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission is authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with residency training programs at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Medical College, or the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. [70:697.7] Copies of all contracts are filed in the office of the Commission.

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