

1 HOUSE BILL 480

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
12 EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING THE GRADUATE MEDICAL
13 EDUCATION EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM FUND; PROVIDING FUNDING TO
14 CREATE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS; CREATING THE
15 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING
16 DUTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
20 cited as the "Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant
21 Program Act".

22 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
23 Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act:

24 A. "department" means the human services
25 department;

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1 B. "hospital" includes primary hospitals, secondary
2 hospitals and federally qualified health centers; and

3 C. "secretary" means the secretary of human
4 services.

5 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
6 EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM--FUND--DISTRIBUTIONS--APPLICATION
7 REQUIREMENTS--PRIORITIES FOR AWARDS--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--

8 A. The "graduate medical education expansion grant
9 program fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund
10 consists of money appropriated by the legislature. Money in
11 the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a
12 fiscal year. The secretary shall administer the fund, and
13 money in the fund is appropriated to the department to
14 administer the provisions of the Graduate Medical Education
15 Expansion Grant Program Act. Money in the fund shall
16 be disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of finance and
17 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of
18 human services or the secretary's authorized representative.

19 B. To receive a grant, a hospital shall apply to
20 the graduate medical education expansion grant program,
21 pursuant to rules adopted by the secretary. Grant amounts will
22 be determined by each entity's grant application. Funds from
23 the graduate medical education expansion grant program fund
24 shall be distributed to hospitals to develop and implement
25 graduate medical education programs. The application must

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1 include the applicant's plan to receive accreditation for the
2 positions within the graduate medical education program.

3 C. The department may provide one-time planning
4 grants to hospitals if the hospital:

5 (1) does not currently have a graduate medical
6 education program and would be eligible for medicare funding of
7 a graduate medical education program; or

8 (2) previously used one-time planning grants
9 to establish an ongoing graduate medical education program and
10 funds would be used to create additional positions in the
11 program.

12 D. The department may provide graduate medical
13 education grants to:

14 (1) establish new graduate medical education
15 programs with first-year positions;

16 (2) fund unfilled, accredited first-year
17 positions within a graduate medical education program;

18 (3) expand the number of first-year positions
19 within an existing graduate medical education program; and

20 (4) fund existing graduate medical education
21 programs.

22 E. The department may prioritize applications that
23 emphasize the following:

24 (1) developing accredited programs at
25 hospitals that have not previously offered graduate medical

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1 education programs;

2 (2) increasing positions for medical
3 specialities having shortages within the state; and

4 (3) increasing positions in medically
5 underserved areas within the state.

6 F. Each award recipient shall report annually to
7 the graduate medical education expansion review board on the:

8 (1) expenditures of grant funds; and

9 (2) plans for unexpended funds.

10 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
11 EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD--CREATED--DUTIES.--

12 A. Prior to October 1, 2019, the department shall
13 create the "graduate medical education expansion review board"
14 to:

15 (1) develop a state strategic plan for
16 expanding graduate medical education programs;

17 (2) review grant applications; and

18 (3) review the grants awarded pursuant to the
19 Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act.

20 B. The graduate medical education expansion review
21 board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by
22 the department. The review board shall include representation
23 from each accredited osteopathic and allopathic medical school
24 and from the following groups:

25 (1) the department;

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- 1 (2) the higher education department;
2 (3) hospital and primary care organizations;
3 and
4 (4) osteopathic and allopathic medical
5 professional societies and associations.

6 C. The chair of the review board shall be elected
7 by the review board. The review board shall meet at the call
8 of the chair.

9 D. Members of the review board shall not be paid
10 per diem and mileage or other compensation for their services.

11 E. The secretary shall provide staff support for
12 the review board in the performance of its duties.

13 F. A simple majority of the review board members
14 constitutes a quorum. A member of the review board shall
15 abstain from voting or the member's vote shall be disqualified
16 on any matter in which the member has a pecuniary interest.

17 G. The secretary of human services and the
18 secretary of higher education shall assist the graduate medical
19 education expansion review board in developing a strategic plan
20 for the expansion of graduate medical education programs, which
21 shall include the following:

22 (1) a statement describing the objectives and
23 goals of the review board, the strategies by which those goals
24 will be achieved and a time line for achieving those goals;

25 (2) a summary of the current graduate medical

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- 1 education programs throughout the state;
- 2 (3) a five-year plan for expanding graduate
- 3 medical education programs in the state;
- 4 (4) an evaluation of the standards and
- 5 curriculum guidelines for graduate medical education programs;
- 6 (5) an ongoing evaluation process of funds
- 7 distributed through the graduate medical education expansion
- 8 grant program that is overseen by the review board; and
- 9 (6) a plan to ensure long-term sustainability.

10 H. The graduate medical education expansion review
11 board shall review applications to the graduate medical
12 education expansion grant program and provide recommendations
13 to the secretary.

14 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.**--Five million dollars
15 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
16 graduate medical education expansion grant program fund for
17 expenditure in fiscal year 2020 and subsequent fiscal years for
18 the purposes of that fund. No more than five percent of this
19 appropriation shall be used by the human services department
20 for administrative expenses. Any unexpended or unencumbered
21 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
22 to the general fund.