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AN ACT
RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
LICENSURE OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"MEDICAL SCHOOL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.--

A. Prior to issuing or renewing a license to
operate a medical school in New Mexico, the higher education
department shall require a medical school to:

(1) for the purpose of providing third- and
fourth-year medical student training, demonstrate that the
school has obtained executed agreements with at least four
clinical affiliates in New Mexico that have sufficient
capacity to provide access to a comprehensive training
program for its students. The medical school shall ensure
that these agreements represent urban, rural and frontier
areas;

(2) obtain the required number of executed
agreements and faculty credentialed appointments from New
Mexico-based preceptors as defined by the medical school
applicant's programmatic accreditor; and

(3) for the purpose of building new graduate
medical education residency training, demonstrate the ability

1 to facilitate the creation of such new graduate medical
2 education residency programs within New Mexico, with a
3 preference for primary care programs as defined by the state,
4 in urban, frontier and rural medical facilities. At a
5 minimum, the medical school applicant shall demonstrate and
6 provide documentation that the applicant is the procuring
7 cause for the creation of at least one first-year resident
8 position in New Mexico for every ten students in the
9 applicant's initial approved class size. When possible,
10 preference shall be given to primary care programs in urban,
11 frontier and rural areas.

12 B. The higher education department shall maintain
13 an appeals process for medical schools in New Mexico that
14 have had a license denied by the higher education department.

15 C. As used in this section:

16 (1) "clinical affiliate" means a hospital,
17 physician office, outpatient medical clinic or center,
18 surgical center or health department;

19 (2) "comprehensive training" means that the
20 clinical affiliate has the capability to provide all of the
21 following services within its premises: inpatient adult
22 medical and surgical services, pediatrics, labor and
23 delivery, emergency room and critical care services;

24 (3) "executed agreement" means an agreement
25 signed by the designated medical school official and

1 designated official of the institution providing access for
2 medical students to clinical rotations and education;

3 (4) "faculty credentialed" means the process
4 by which the medical school ensures that the physicians
5 providing clinical education have the required education,
6 training and licensure to practice medicine;

7 (5) "graduate medical education" means any
8 type of formal medical education pursued after receipt of an
9 allopathic or osteopathic physician degree. Graduate medical
10 education includes internship, residency, subspecialty and
11 fellowship programs, in all fields of medicine and surgery,
12 recognized by and enabling state licensure in New Mexico;

13 (6) "medical school" means a tertiary
14 educational institution, or part of such an institution, that
15 teaches medicine and awards a professional degree for
16 physicians and surgeons, including a bachelor of medicine,
17 bachelor of surgery, doctor of medicine or doctor of
18 osteopathic medicine;

19 (7) "preceptors" means licensed, practicing
20 allopathic or osteopathic physicians who, under a faculty
21 appointment with a medical school, mentor medical students
22 and provide clinical education for core and elective
23 clerkship rotations;

24 (8) "primary care" means family medicine,
25 general psychiatry, general internal medicine, general

1 pediatrics and pediatric medicine;

2 (9) "procuring cause" means evidence that
3 the medical school has created graduate medical education
4 positions in the state, either at the medical school's own
5 medical facility or through partnerships with third-party
6 clinical affiliates; and

7 (10) "programmatic accreditor" means, for
8 allopathic physicians, the liaison committee on medical
9 education and for osteopathic physicians, the commission on
10 osteopathic college accreditation."

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