

FEDERAL ISSUES UPDATE

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FEDERAL FOCUS

Providing education and care across the WWAMI region in both training and providing care.

- Training doctors
- Creating networks, like preventative care
- Telemedicine
- Airlift Northwest

GME Focus

- UW-proposed demonstration project

REVIEW OF PENDING GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REFORM PROPOSALS

- The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act: H.R.2267 & S. 1301
 - Adds 15,000 Medicare funded residencies nationwide
 - Adds residency slots to “capped” residency programs at teaching hospitals
 - Adds slots to states with “new medical schools”
 - Adds slots to programs with rural training tracks
 - WWAMI States are focused on insuring growth in rural and underserved areas, not urban centers

REVIEW OF PENDING GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REFORM PROPOSALS CONTINUED...

- Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education Extension Act of 2017 (H.R. 3394) or Training the Next Generation of Primary Care Doctors Act (S. 1754)
 - Both bills look to renew the Teaching Health Center expansion of residency training through HRSA funding
 - The WWAMI Family Medicine Residency Network benefits from this expanded funding for residency growth

MORE PENDING GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REFORM PROPOSALS

- RESTORING RURAL RESIDENCIES ACT (S. 455)
 - Requires CMS to reimburse costs of residency training at critical access hospitals
 - Currently, critical access hospitals are restricted from receiving reimbursement funding

FEDERAL FUNDING

We need your continued support in long-term stability in funding for educational support.

- Reauthorizing programs
- Funding (HRSA, HHS, CMS, NIH)

WRAP UP

Thank you!

Housekeeping items