



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

WORKFORCE HEALTH CARE REFORM

Provision	Effective Date	Summary
Primary Care Training and Enhancement	Maximum duration of grants = 5 years. Funds authorized for appropriation: \$125M for FY2010 and such sums as necessary for FYs 2011-2014	<p>Secretary may make grant/contracts with hospitals, medical schools, COMs, or other public or private nonprofit entities to plan, develop, operate or participate in an accredited training program in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics or physician assistantship; to provide need-based financial assistance for trainees in such programs; to plan, develop and operate programs for training physician faculty for these specialties, including faculty teaching in community settings; to provide financial assistance for physicians planning to teach or conduct research in these specialties; to plan, develop and operate a demonstration project that provides training in new competencies (including providing care in patient-centered medical home); and to plan, develop and operate joint degree programs to provide interdisciplinary and inter-professional graduate training in public health and other areas.</p> <p>Secretary also may make grants to medical schools and COMs to establish, maintain or improve clinical teaching and research in these specialties or to enhance interdisciplinary recruitment, training and faculty development. Establishes preferences and priorities for making such grants, including a priority for applicants that have a record of training the greatest percentage of primary care providers or have demonstrated significant improvements in the percentage of providers they train who enter and remain in primary care practice; those with a record of training individuals from underrepresented minorities or from rural or disadvantaged backgrounds; and those that establish formal relationships with and submit joint applications with Feder Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), or clinics in underserved areas or that serve underserved populations.</p>
National Health Care Workforce Commission	Initial appointments by September 30, 2010	Establishes a National Health Care Workforce Commission to be appointed by Comptroller General with certain specified membership. Health professions educators or practitioners may not constitute a majority. High priority areas for Commission include aligning Medicare and Medicaid GME policies with national workforce goals. Also establishes a State Health Care Workforce Development Grants program, a National Center for Health Care Workforce Analysis and a grants program for state and regional centers for health workforce analysis.
Title VII	Immediately	Reauthorizes Section 747 of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act which provides funds to academic departments of family medicine and family medicine residency programs to increase training of family physicians.