

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 310
(A-24)

Introduced by: Jill Owens, MD, Pennsylvania Chair

Subject: Accountability & Transparency in GME funding with Annual Report

Referred to: Reference Committee C

- 1 Whereas, funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME) is derived from both public and
2 private sources; and
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4 Whereas, the federal government is by far the largest contributor to GME; and
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6 Whereas, various programs that support physician workforce development are managed by
7 agencies within the Departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, and Defense;
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10 Whereas, Medicare is the largest source of federal GME funding and Medicaid, a joint federal-
11 state program, is the second largest source of support for GME; and
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13 Whereas, the ACGME does not control and has no involvement in resident/fellow salaries; and
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15 Whereas, each Sponsoring Institution's Graduate Medical Education Committee must approve
16 annual recommendations to administration regarding resident/fellow salaries and benefits; and
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18 Whereas, the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Committee on Government and Financing of
19 Graduate Medical Education (GME) put out their report "Graduate Medical Education That
20 Meets the Nation's Health Needs" in 2014; and
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22 Whereas, it was in 2016 that CME last gave its report on Accountability and Transparency in
23 GME funding (CME Report 5-A-16); and
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25 Whereas, it was from CME report 5 at A-16 that our American Medical Association adopted
26 policy H305.929 with provisions 3) and 4) committing to overall transparency and specifically
27 financial transparency with regard to Graduate Medical Education; and
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29 Whereas, The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 added 1000 new Medicare-funded
30 residency positions for the first time since 1997; and
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32 Whereas, it was in 2022 that our AMA, through house policy H305.930, called for appropriate
33 increases in resident salaries; and therefore be it
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35 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work with interested parties (including but
36 not limited to the CMS, VA, DOD and others) to issue an annual report detailing the quantity of
37 GME funding for each year including how those funds are allocated on a per resident or fellow
38 basis, for a minimum of the previous 5 years and be it further,
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40 RESOLVED, that our AMA reaffirm policy H 305.929 (Last modified 2016).

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000

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